Welcome
New Graduate Student Orientation
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Interim Dean, The Graduate School
Webinar Guidelines

• As a participant, your audio is muted and you will only be able to see and listen to this morning's presentation.

• If you have any questions for a presenter, please submit them via the Q&A box at the bottom of your screen.

• Each participant can control the video layout by choosing "active speaker" or "gallery view".
  — Active Speaker View will switch the large video window between who is speaking within the meeting.
  — Gallery View lets you see thumbnail displays of participants, in a grid pattern.

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  — Those viewing the live stream can submit questions to gradschool@vcu.edu as you will not have access to the Q&A feature.

This webinar is being recorded and will be uploaded to the Graduate School website for review.
Dr. Charles Klink
Senior Vice Provost for Student Affairs
Welcome

We’re so glad you are here!
Five considerations

Game Changer ➔ Network ➔ Involvement ➔ Time ➔ Humor
Graduate School is a game changer
Co-Curricular Activities

- Guest lectures
- Institute for Contemporary Art
- Virginia Museum of History
- Student Government Graduate & Professional Senate
- Graduate Student Association
- Black Graduate Student Association
Make Time to Take Care of Yourself
Keep Your Sense Of Humor
Graduate Student Association

Sarah Saunders, President
WELCOME

from your GSA executive board!
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Black Graduate Student Association

Janay Little, President
What is BGSA?
(Black Graduate Student Association)

We are an inclusive graduate organization advocating for diversity issues concerning African and African American students at VCU—Monroe Park & MCV campuses.

The VCU chapter is a local chapter established to work toward common goals of The National Black Graduate Students Association.

We Do This Through:

Collaboration  Inspiration  Advocation
How To Get Involved?

Get added to the BGSA email list and GroupMe to stay updated!

Contact Us:

BGSAatVCU
BGSAatVCU
BGSA@vcu.edu

Thank You!
Graduate School Professional Development Program

Portia Newman, Program Coordinator
The Graduate School
Professional Development Programs

Program Coordinator: Portia Newman

https://graduate.vcu.edu/development/
Phone: 804-827-4544
Research and Mentoring (RAM) Opportunity

Participants: Any masters or doctoral level student in any discipline

Program:
- Two weeks in the summer
- Hands-on research experience
- High school mentee

Graduate School Mentorship Program (GSMP)

Participants: Any masters or doctoral level student in any discipline in at least their second year of graduate school.

Program:
- Weekly 1 hour interactions
- Providing opportunities for the mentees
- 4 Mentee/mentorship Saturday meetings
- 2 Community service events

Contact: gsmp@vcu.edu

Preparing Future Faculty Program (PFFP)

Participants: Any masters or doctoral level student in any discipline interested in higher education careers in teaching and learning in academia.

Program:
- Series of short courses and professional development opportunities
- Transcript notation of completion

Contact: pffprogram@vcu.edu

Leaders and Entrepreneurs Academy (LEAPD)

Participants: Any masters or doctoral level student in any discipline interested in a career in industry, nonprofit organizations, health care, public service and government.

Program:
- Series of short courses and professional development opportunities
the Writing Center
where smart writers go
VCU Common Book

Dr. Felecia Williams, Associate Dean
University College
VCU COMMON BOOK PROGRAM

• Felecia Williams, Associate Dean of University College and Director, Common Book Program

• Goal is to enhance and engage student success

• University-wide initiative to welcome first year students to vibrant, intellectual community
  – Create opportunities to explore complex social issues through an interdisciplinary lens

• https://commonbook.vcu.edu/ https://uc.vcu.edu/ Harris Hall, 5th Floor
Opportunities to Engage...
CAROL ANDERSON
Author of the 2020 VCU Common Book
One Person, No Vote
How Voter Suppression is Destroying our Democracy

October 21, 2020
6:00 p.m.
Virtual presentation will be held online
The event is free and open to the public.

commonbook.vcu.edu

VCU's University College and the Office of the Provost present

2020 Common Book
National Scholarship Office

Dr. Meredith Sisson, Assistant Director
The Mission:
Help VCU students and alumni identify & apply for nationally competitive scholarships/fellowships to fund opportunities that support their future goals.

The Resources:
Individual consultations, organizational and writing support, recommendation coordination, & mock interviews.

Scholarships including but not limited to...

Website: https://nso.vcu.edu/
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/VCUNSO
Blog: https://blogs.vcu.edu/natscholar/
Or email us at natlscholar@vcu.edu!
GRADUATE STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Fullbright U.S. Student Program
Funding for for more than 2,000 students to study, conduct research, or teach English in more than 140 nations worldwide to contribute to mutual cultural understanding.

- Eligibility: Graduate students or alumni.
- No post-service requirement.
- Length of program/number of grants awarded is dependent upon the country.
- Opportunities for intellectual, professional, and artistic growth.

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program
This scholarship is for Grad Students pursuing an MS or PhD.

- Eligibility: Non-medical STEM field (social sciences included)
- Ecology, psychology, life sciences, physics, engineering, computer and information science, etc.
- Recipients must be enrolled in an institution of their choice
- Recipients awarded a stipend and tuition payable for 3 years in a 5 year window.

Boren Fellowships
Funding for opportunities to study abroad in areas, languages, and fields of study critical to the U.S. national security interests. Projects must include language study.

- Eligibility: Currently enrolled graduate students.
- Must work in federal government (for 1-2 years) after fellowship.
- Granted $24,000 for overseas study
- Project duration: min. 12 weeks to max. 1 year.

Science, Mathematics & Research for Transformation (SMART)
Aims to increase the number of scientists and engineers engaged in research with the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD).

- Eligibility: Must be currently enrolled in graduate STEM program.
- Required summer internships at the DoD.
- Agree to work for the DoD post-grad for 1 yr. per year of funding.
- Covers full tuition, fees, and offers annual stipend of $25,000-$38,000

Critical Language Scholarships
A government-funded summer language and cultural enrichment program aiming to increase the number of Americans studying critical need languages.

- Eligibility: Currently enrolled graduate students.
- No Service requirements.
- Fully-funded seven to ten week language instruction.
- Prerequisites required for certain languages.
- Language levels range from beginner to advanced.

To learn more about national scholarship opportunities, visit us online!

Website: www.nso.vcu.edu
Facebook: www.facebook.com/VCUNSO
Twitter: twitter.com/vcu_nso
Blog: http://wp.vcu.edu/nationalscholar/

GRADUATE STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Presidential Management Fellowship (PMF)
Provides professional development, networking, and leadership training for a two year term at a federal agency. Fellows are eligible for employment after completion.

- Eligibility: Graduates who will complete degree in August the upcoming year or have received degree within past 2 years.
- Option to transfer to different federal agency.
- Application requires USAJobs resume, transcript, and completing a critical analysis test.

AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowship
The American Association for the Advancement of Science offers yearlong assignments in all branches of the federal government to learn about policymaking.

- Eligibility: Must have terminal degree by November 1. Engineering students must have degree plus 3 years professional experience.
- 12-month fellowship with potential for renewal.
- Different qualification requirements for each federal branch.
- Recipients awarded a stipend of $80,000-105K, along with other support.

Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship
This scholarship aims to increase diversity amongst U.S. professors and those who use diversity as a resource for enriching their students’ educations.

- Eligibility: First and second year graduate students in PhD program.
- Provides $24,000 for three years of study.
- Offers funds to attend at least one Conference of Ford Fellows and access to network of former fellows.

SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellowship
Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship offered by the Social Science Research Council provides funding to doctoral students pursuing research on non-US topics.

- Eligibility: Doctoral students of any citizenship in humanities/social sciences.
- Must have achieved ABD status by December of application year.
- Average award is $21,000 for 9-12 months of funding.
- Recipients participate in SSRC workshop following fellowship.

Other Dissertation Funding Opportunities
The following are other dissertation funding opportunities for doctoral students:

- American Association of University Women Dissertation Completion Fellowship:

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/VCUNSO
Twitter: twitter.com/vcu_nso
Blog: http://wp.vcu.edu/nationalscholar/
Student Conduct & Academic Integrity

Karen Belanger, Director
Student Conduct & Academic Integrity

Follow us on Twitter @HonorableRams
Student Conduct & Academic Integrity

VCU Honor System & Standards for Academic Conduct

Academic Misconduct:
- Cheating
- Deception
  - Falsification
  - Forgery
  - Grade Alteration
  - Lying
  - Omission
- Exploitation
- Facilitation
- Plagiarism
- Sabotage
- Stealing

Pledge:

“On my honor, I pledge that I am in compliance with the VCU Honor System and Standards of Academic Conduct.”

- All students must know and understand the Honor System and Standards of Academic Conduct, particularly the types of misconduct prohibited by this policy. Students are expected to ask for clarification from their instructors if they are uncertain how the Honor System and Standards of Academic Conduct impacts their work or the completion of an assignment.

- All students and employees are expected … to report observations of potential academic misconduct. Apathy or acquiescence in the presence of academic misconduct is not permitted because it detracts from a community of trust and the quality of the educational experience.
Student Conduct & Academic Integrity

VCU Creed: Philosophy for a University Community

Academic institutions exist, among other reasons, to discover, advance and transmit knowledge and to develop in their students ... the capacity for creative and critical thought. At Virginia Commonwealth University, members of the community should strive to exemplify the following specific ideals in addition to other worthy ideals:

• To demonstrate academic and personal integrity.
• To respect the rights and property of others.
• To be open to others’ opinions.
• To uphold academic freedom and freedom of intellectual inquiry.
• To appreciate diversity and to value and learn from the uniqueness of each person.
• To uphold the right of all persons to be treated with dignity and respect and to refrain from all forms of intimidation, harassment and illegal discrimination.
• To demonstrate and respect intellectual courage in situations that demand it.

Student Code of Conduct

• Students are encouraged to engage in responsible social conduct that reflects credit upon the University community and to model good citizenship in any community.

• Students should not remain passively in the presence of violations.

• Students are encouraged to notify the proper authorities if they observe or have knowledge of other students violating the Student Code of Conduct.

• The University Student Code of Conduct shall apply to all conduct by students on University property, at VCU-sponsored activities, and off-campus.

#OneVCU
Find Resources

• Professors, Instructors
• VCU Libraries
• Division for Academic Success
  • Disability Support Services
  • Academic Counseling
  • Test Taking Skills
  • Study Strategies
  • Prep for Board/Licensing Exams
  • Tutoring Services
• Health Promotion and Well-Being Center
  AKA “The Well”
  • By-Stander Intervention
  • BASICs/CASICs
  • The Resilience Lab
• RAMS in Recovery
• University Counseling Center
• VCU PD
  • Live Safe App
• The Office of the Dean of Students
  • Office of the Assistant Dean of Students
Welcome to the VCU community

Thank you
VCU Student Health Services

Dr. Karen Kirby, Staff Physician
University Student Health Services

Monroe Park Campus
1300 W. Broad Street
Suite 2200
(804) 828-8828

MCV Campus
1000 E. Marshall Street
Room 305
(804) 828-9220

health.students.vcu.edu
We are a **nationally accredited health care service** providing high-quality outpatient care to VCU students.
Our Medical Team

- Physicians (Internal Medicine, Family Practice, & Psychiatry)
- Nurse Practitioners
- Physician’s Assistants
- Nurses
- Pharmacists
- Lab Personnel
- Registered Dietitian
Planning Your Visit

**Appointments**
- ALL appointments are scheduled by phone.
- Appointments may be in person, over the phone, or on Zoom as appropriate.

**Health Fee**
- Visits are covered by a semester health fee.
- Students are responsible for the cost of medications, certain labs, referrals, etc.
- Health insurance coverage is needed for services not covered by the health fee.
Our Services

VCU Student Health
Primary Care Services

Both clinic locations offer primary care services:

- DUE TO PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS SOME SERVICES MAY BE LIMITED OR ONLY AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY

Primary Care Services
- Nutrition Consults
- Travel Clinic
- Vaccine Services

Mental Health
Immunization Services

The Student Health Immunization Department offers a wide variety of vaccines, tuberculosis testing, and lab titers for a fee.

Appointments & Fees
- Students must call for an immunization appointment.
- Fees vary depending on the service being requested. Visit health.students.vcu.edu/immunizations/ for details.
- Student Health does not accept health insurance, but students may submit receipts to their carrier for reimbursement if applicable.

Free Vaccines
- Student Health offers free flu vaccines to all VCU students.
Mental Health Services

Mental health services include evaluation and medical management of common psychiatric disorders by primary care providers and staff psychiatrists.

Appointments

- Students must call to schedule an appointment.
- Students must be referred to the staff psychiatrist by a provider at Student Health or University Counseling Services.
An on-site pharmacy is available at the Monroe Park clinic location.

**Prescription & Over-The-Counter Medications**
- Prescription medications must be ordered by USHS providers.
- OTC medications and products are available for purchase at both clinic locations.

**Competitive Prices**
- We do not accept health insurance, but we offer affordable pricing for prescription and OTC meds
- NEW: no touch payments and curbside delivery
KEY POINTS

- CALL FOR APPOINTMENTS
  804-828-8828 Monroe Park  
  804-828-9220 MCV

- Check out our website and portal: https://health.students.vcu.edu/

- WEAR YOUR MASKS AND FOLLOW SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES

- GET YOUR FREE FLU SHOT IN THE FALL
VCU Career Services

Megan Hollis, Associate Director
Career Services for Graduate Students

Megan Hollis
Associate Director, Health Sciences Career Advising
How We Can Help

• Appointments
  • Career Advising
  • Mock Interviews
• Workshops
• Career Treks
• Career Fairs
• Resumes
• CVs
• Cover Letters

• Personal statements
• Teaching philosophy
• Academia vs. Industry
• Networking
• Managing your professional image
• Online resources
• Handshake
FALL 2020 FAIRS
Presented by VCU Career Services

FEDERAL WORK-STUDY FAIR
WED, AUG. 19
1-4 p.m.

PART-TIME JOB FAIR
WED, AUG. 26
1-4 p.m.

DIVERSITY CAREER AND INTERNSHIP FAIR
WED, OCT. 7
1-4 p.m.

EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FAIR
WED, OCT. 21
1-4 p.m.

Check out all upcoming fairs and attending employers on Handshake at:
vcu.joinhandshake.com/career_fairs
JOIN ME THIS FALL FOR

GRAD 610

Career & Professional Development for Graduate Students

Live online via Zoom
August 26-October 21

• 1 credit hour
• 9 weeks
• No textbook!
Thank you! Any questions?

Careers.vcu.edu  @VCUCareers  Facebook.com/VCUCareers  @VCUCareers
VCU Libraries

Kelsey Cheshire, Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Librarian
The Library is here to help you succeed.
Thank you for attending
New Graduate Student Orientation!

This recording will be posted to
https://graduate.vcu.edu/student/orientation.html