Welcome
New Graduate Student Orientation
Dr. F. Douglas Boudinot
Dean, The Graduate School
Dr. Charles Klink

Senior Vice Provost for Student Affairs
Graduate Student Association

Ria Fyffe-Freil, President
Graduate Student Association

Meetups
Networking
Professional Development

Volunteer Opportunities
Social Activities
Collaborations

Please e-mail us (gsa@vcu.edu) or follow us on social media:
Meet the GSA Officers

- Ria Fyffe-Freil, President
- David Hampton, Vice President
- Edward Beckwith, Communications Chair
- Sarah Saunders, Events/Philanthropy Chair
- Sombo Chunda, Treasurer/Appropriations Chair
- Erin Britton, Research Symposium Chair
- Andrew Bryce, Secretary

Monroe Park
September 12
6-8pm
Park Plaza

MCV
September 13
6-8pm
Larrick Compass
Black Graduate Student Association

Bianca Owens, President
Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA)

President- Bianca D. Owens
Vice President- Sultan Hubbard
Treasurer- Felisha Walls
Secretary- April Boyd
BGSA Mission and Values

• Provide a supportive and collaborative environment for Black (African, African American, Caribbean...) graduate and professional students at VCU
  • Professional and personal development
  • Advocate for diversity and representation
  • Service to the community
  • Fellowship

• Be sure to join us at our Annual Welcome Back Dinner!
Graduate School Professional Development Programs

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

Applications: October 2019

Contact: ramopp@vcu.edu
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

Applications: Early 2020

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

Students can start the courses at any time.

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

Students can start the course at any time.

Contact: 804-827-4544
the Writing Center
where smart writers go
VCU Common Book

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

• Felecia Williams, Interim 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...
2019 Common Book

VCU University College and the Office of the Provost present

Matthew Desmond
Author of the 2019 VCU Common Book
Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City

October 16, 2019
6 p.m.

Stuart C. Siegel Center
1200 W. Broad St.

The event is free and open to the public.

commonbook.vcu.edu

VCU
National Scholarship Office

Jeff Wing, Director
What We Do

• Help VCU students and alumni identify and apply for nationally competitive fellowships, scholarships, and grants to support their future goals (see handout for examples)
• Focus on a few prestigious opportunities
• Will also assist with applications for discipline-specific awards that you identify
• Funding for individuals rather than large-scale group research projects
• 9 - 12 months of funding to study, research, or teach English abroad
• More than 140 countries
• Language skills helpful but not required
• Any discipline
• Must be a US citizen at the time of application
• Funds up to 2 years of study abroad
• Must include some language study
• Preference for less traditional destinations and less commonly taught languages
• Preference for candidates interested in national security
• Federal government service requirement
• Intensive summer language institutes abroad for “critical need” languages:
  Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Turkish, Urdu
• Any discipline
• Two-year leadership development program for graduate degree holders interested in careers in the federal government
• Salaried position with a federal agency
• Extensive professional development program, including leadership training and mentoring
• Wide variety of positions/disciplines
• Funds graduate education in science, technology, math, engineering, and a few social science disciplines
• For those pursuing research-based master’s and doctoral degrees
• Provides up to 3 years of funding to be used in a 5-year period
Interested?

- Info sessions: wp.vcu.edu/natlscholar
- Our website: nso.vcu.edu
- Email: natlscholar@vcu.edu
- facebook.com/vcunso and @vcu_nso (Twitter)
- Watch for TelegRAM announcements
- Make an appointment through the NSO website
Student Conduct & Academic Integrity

Karen Belanger, Director
Student Conduct & Academic Integrity

Community
Civility
Respect
Integrity
Academic Success
Student Conduct & Academic Integrity

- Student Conduct & Academic Integrity
- Student Code of Conduct
- Find Resources
- VCU Honor System
- Get Involved
Where can I find the Policies?

Integrity and Compliance Office | Policy Program

New and Recently Updated Policies
Removed or Retired Policies
Policies Open for Public Comment
Policy Categories
Policy Points Newsletter

Honor System (Applicable to cases filed on or after August 27, 2016)

Responsible Office: Office of the Provost
Current Approved Version: 08/27/2016
Policy Type: Administrative

Policy Statement and Purpose

Virginia Commonwealth University ("VCU or "university") is committed to:

The intellectual and academic success of a diverse student body; research and discovery that advances knowledge; inspires creativity, and improves human health; and it lives and communities. In pursuit of these goals, the freedom, innovation, service, diversity, and integrity.

VCU recognizes that honesty, truth, and integrity are success both in the world VCU students will enter, or as a microcosm of that world. In a community devos thrive with respect and harmony. Therefore, all members

Because academic dishonesty is a violation of the purpose intends to:

Student Code of Conduct

The Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity is committed to cultivating an atmosphere of civility and respect among our students; it will in turn foster an environment conducive to academic success and personal development.

Under the terms of the Virginia Commonwealth University Student Code of Conduct students are extended rights, but also assume many responsibilities. For a student to succeed at VCU, they must learn and understand this policy, and live within the parameters of the Student Code of Conduct and other the other university policies.

Each student shall be responsible for his/her conduct from the time of application for admission through the actual awarding of their degree (and even if conduct is not discovered until after a degree is awarded). The Student Code of Conduct shall apply to student conduct even if the student withdraws from school while a disciplinary hearing is pending.

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, faculty and staff 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.
• Professors, Instructors
• VCU Libraries
• Student Accessibility and Educational Opportunities (SAEO)
• The Wellness Resource Center
  • RAMS in Recovery
• University Counseling Center
• The Office of the Dean of Students

Find Resources
Volunteers Needed:

www.conduct.students.vcu.edu/get-involved
Thank you

Welcome to the VCU Community
VCU Student Health Services

Dr. Margaret Roberson, Medical Director
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](http://health.students.vcu.edu)
Our Medical Team

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

**Appointments**
- Non-urgent appointments may be scheduled online via the Web Portal or by phone.
- Urgent appointments should be scheduled by phone.

**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. Links to the Marketplace and Medicaid are available on the Student Health website.
Our Services

VCU Student Health
Primary Care Services

Both clinic locations offer primary care services, such as:

- Management of acute and chronic illnesses, including mental health disorders.
- Urgent same-day visits.
- Preventive health services (physicals, well-woman exams, etc.)
- Contraceptive management.
- And more!

We are a nationally accredited health care service providing high-quality outpatient care to VCU students.
Travel Clinic

Student Health offers free in-depth travel consultations for students traveling abroad.

**Appointments**
- Students should call to schedule a travel appointment at least 6-8 weeks prior to their departure date.
- Students can choose to have their vaccines administered at Student Health or at an outside facility.

**Free Travel Consult**
- The consultation includes travel medical advice, prescriptions if needed, and recommendations for vaccines.
- Students are responsible for the cost of prescriptions and vaccines.
An on-site pharmacy is available at the Monroe Park clinic location.

**Prescription & Over-The-Counter Medications**
- A wide range of medications are offered at competitive prices.
- 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.
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 Programs

• Prepare for the Fair
  • September 6, 3:30pm, Jackson Ward Conference Room

• Communicating with your P.I.
  • September 20, 3:30pm, Jackson Ward Conference Room

• Resumes/CVs for Graduate Students
  • September 27 (2pm, Location TBD)

• Avoiding Isolation As A Trainee
  • October 11, 3:30pm, Jackson Ward Conference Room
JOIN ME THIS FALL'19 FOR

GRAD 610
Career & Professional Development for Graduate Students
Mondays 4-5:30 p.m. in Harris Hall
Register today:
tinyurl.com/RegisterGrad610

• 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.
Reasons to visit us:

We’re more than books!
Search Strategies
Managing citations
Staying informed
Data management
Publishing support
Creating multimedia

And much, much more!
WELCOME TO
1-3PM
Room 303

GRAD FEST
Closing Remarks

Lunch is at Shafer Court Dining Center: use your lunch voucher

Grad Fest: 1-3pm, Cabell Library, 3rd floor, room 303