

# October 2025 Student Newsletter

The [Student Services Team](#) is here to advise, guide, and provide you with resources to aid in your success, as well as help you navigate university policies and procedures. Our office is located in Smith 118, and we are open during normal business hours on Monday – Friday from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. You can schedule a virtual, phone, or in-person appointment with your [Student Services Coordinator](#) and [Career Counselor](#).

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## Upcoming Graduate Student Events

### Halloween Week!

*Monday, October 27 - Friday, October 31 | 9:00am - 5:00pm | Smith Hall, Ste 118*

Stop by the CCAS Office of Graduate Studies in Smith Hall 118 during this spooky season, **October 27 - October 31st from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**, for treats (no tricks)! Registration is not required - just drop by!

### [Dean's Conversation Series: Boosting Trust in Health Science](#)

*Wednesday, October 15, 2025 from 5:15 - 6:15pm | University Student Center, Amphitheater*

"Boosting Trust in Health Science" is the first in a series of science conversations moderated by CCAS Dean Paul Wahlbeck. In this session, panelists will explore issues relating to scientific integrity, ethics and the role of science in medical applications and advances.

This event is open to the GW community, but [registration is required](#). Light refreshments will be served following the event.

### MSSC Grad Student Coffee Meet & Greet

*Thursday, October 16 from 10:00am - noon | 801 21st St (USC), Fifth Floor East*

Join the Multicultural Student Services Center (MSSC) to meet staff and connect with other students in a welcoming, "home away from home" environment. Coffee & refreshments will be provided.

### Tell Your Friends: [Graduate Programs Virtual Open House](#)

*October 20 - 30 | Various Event Times | Virtual*

The 2025 Columbian College of Arts and Sciences (CCAS) Graduate Programs Virtual Open House is the perfect opportunity to explore what it means to be a GW graduate student and dive into 90+ cutting-edge degree and certificate programs within CCAS. Attendees can connect directly with current GW graduate students, engage with world-class faculty, and get personalized guidance from our admissions team. There will be a variety of information sessions and featured workshops held - check out the [Open House page](#) for the full schedule and registration links!

## Important Reminders

### Fall Break

There will be **no classes held on October 9 & 10** in observance of Fall Break. We hope you enjoy your time off!

### Key Registration Dates this Month

Please review the Registrar's Office [Fall/ Spring Schedule page](#) for a full list of Fall 2025 registration deadlines.

<b>October 31</b>	Last day to withdraw from a course with a grade of 'W' using the RTF-EZ
<b>November 2</b>	Last day to withdraw from a course with a grade of 'W' on GWeb

### Plan Ahead for Spring 2026 Registration

Registration for **Spring 2026** courses will open in GWeb at **9:00am on November 6**. Now is a great time to check your [DegreeMAP record](#) and meet with your [Director of Graduate Studies \(DGS\)](#) to review your plan of study. If a course you would like to take is **not listed in your program's bulletin** as fulfilling a specific program requirement, **please connect with your DGS** before registering for the course, to ensure that it will be allowed to count towards your program requirements.

Not sure where to start? Check out our [Graduate Student Academic Resources playlist](#) on the CCAS YouTube channel for videos on DegreeMAP, GWeb registration, and more!

### Common Registration Holds & How to Clear Them

Sometimes, a student may have a hold placed on their account, which prevents course registration. If you have a hold that prevents registration, you will need to complete the action listed in the hold message before the hold can be removed. **A hold may only be removed by the office that placed the hold.**

Here are a few common registration holds:

Hold Type	Action Required	Point of Contact
Transcript	Submit any outstanding <a href="#">required transcripts or other official documents</a>	askccas@gwu.edu
Student Accounts - balance over \$2500	Reduce outstanding Student Accounts balance to below \$2500	sao@gwu.edu
Student Health - immunization hold	Submit the Mandatory Health Form via your student portal (linked from the Student Health Center <a href="#">Immunizations page</a> )	immunreq@gwu.edu

General information on common holds can be found on the [Registrar's Office website](#); information on financial holds can be found on the [Student Accounts Office website](#). If you are unsure whether a hold on your account will prevent you from registering, please contact our office at [ccasgradserv@gwu.edu](mailto:ccasgradserv@gwu.edu).

## Completing your Program in Fall 2025? Don't Forget to Apply to Graduate!

Students completing their final program requirements in Fall 2025 must submit an [online graduation application](#) for Fall 2025 in order to graduate and receive their diplomas (or certificates). **If you intend to graduate in Fall 2025, please be sure to submit the online graduation application by November 15.** Questions about your graduation requirements? Please reach out to our office at [ccasgradserv@gwu.edu](mailto:ccasgradserv@gwu.edu).

## Career Services & Upcoming Career-Related Events

Career counselors Erin Ahart and Dr. Ruffner-Ceaser are available to meet with you throughout the year. Schedule an appointment on [Handshake](#)! Visit our [website](#) or email [CCAS\\_careers@gwu.edu](mailto:CCAS_careers@gwu.edu) for more information.

### Fall 2025 Career Readiness Workshops

The Career Readiness Workshop Series is our signature workshop series where career counselors cover essential career topics for CCAS graduate students and alumni. This semester, Erin Ahart and Dr. Ruffner-Ceaser will address the current job market and

skills our graduate students need to thrive in an AI-driven world. **Visit our [Events page](#) to register today!**

- **Interview With Ease** - 10/2 at 12:00pm
- **The Future of Work: Thriving in an AI-Driven World** - 10/16 at 12:00pm
- **The Human Advantage: What You Bring to the Table That AI Never Will** - 10/23 at 12:00pm
- **Beyond the Job Hunt: Entrepreneurship as a Path to Career Success** - 11/5 at 12:00pm

## Career Readiness Workshop Recordings - Now on YouTube!

We are excited to share our new CCAS Career Services [YouTube channel](#)! You can now search for and watch our Career Readiness Workshop recordings directly on YouTube. Check your email for featured videos, podcast episodes, and upcoming workshops. Past workshop topics include resumes, cover letters, interviews, networking, and more.

## Resource Highlight: Gelman Library Study Spaces & Technology

As we head into midterms season, here are some Gelman Library resources to help you study in peace, get ahead on a project, and set yourself up for a successful semester!

### Graduate Study Spaces

The [Graduate Student Study Room](#) is a quiet study space on the fifth floor of Gelman Library, accessible via a tap of your GWorld card. The [Global Resources Center](#) on Gelman's seventh floor is open exclusively to graduate students outside of its staffed hours, also via your GWorld card.

In addition, students may [reserve](#) group study rooms and closed study carrels. If you really need to focus, consider reserving a closed study carrel on the 4th or 5th floors - **closed study carrels are available for reservation by graduate students only**, so you will not have to compete with undergraduate students to claim your spot.

### Tech and Equipment

Books aren't the only thing you can check out from the library! As a GW student, you can borrow audiovisual equipment, including cameras, mics, tripods and lights, and

more by submitting an [equipment request](#). Students may keep borrowed equipment for up to one week at a time, and there is no fee.

Within Gelman Library's [CREATE Digital Studio](#), you can also use high-powered, multimedia editing computer workstations (both Mac and Windows), which are equipped with the full Adobe Creative Cloud suite of applications. If your editing or coding project is pushing your personal computer to its limits, consider stopping by the CREATE Digital Studio on the first floor of Gelman.

Giving a poster presentation? Need to print a custom part? You can also request [large-format and 3D printing](#) through Gelman.

## Fall 2025 ETD Deadlines

If you will be completing your thesis or dissertation in Fall 2025, please continue to be mindful of ETD clearance deadlines for both Ph.D. students and for Master's students completing a thesis. Ph.D. students should visit our [Ph.D. Clearance Deadlines page](#), and Master's students completing a thesis should review our [Master's Thesis ETD Submission page](#).

Don't forget to check out the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs website for guidelines on [CCAS formatting requirements](#), [GW formatting requirements](#), and [MS Word & LaTeX resources](#)!

## Fall 2025 Ph.D. ETD Workshops

If you are a Ph.D. student planning to defend your dissertation in Fall 2025 or Spring 2026, we encourage you to mark your calendars for the following ETD workshops. These workshops will be held virtually via Zoom - **if you would like to attend, please be sure to register by following the links from our [Events page](#).**

- **CCAS Ph.D. ETD Copyright Workshop**

*Thursday, 10/23/2025, 3:00pm-4:00pm*

Join us for this informative copyright workshop hosted by members of the GW Libraries Scholarly Communications Team.

- **CCAS Ph.D. ETD Workshop II**

*Thursday, 11/6/2025, 2:00pm-3:00pm*

Learn more about the ETD submission process, formatting requirements, and upcoming deadlines for CCAS Ph.D. students. Please note that Workshop II is a

repeat of Workshop I - if you already attended Workshop I, there is no need to attend Workshop II.

## Funding, Fellowships, Internships, & Employment Opportunities

### [Fulbright U.S. Student Program](#)

*2026-2027 Competition Deadline: October 7, 2025 at 5:00pm ET*

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program expands perspectives through academic and professional advancement and cross-cultural dialogue. Fulbright creates connections in a complex and changing world. In partnership with more than 140 countries worldwide, the Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers unparalleled opportunities in all academic disciplines to passionate and accomplished graduating college seniors, graduate students, and young professionals from all backgrounds. Program participants pursue graduate study, conduct research, or teach English abroad.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is open to U.S. citizens who are currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program. Please review their [Eligibility page](#) for full eligibility details. Student applicants to the Fulbright U.S. Student Program apply through their current institution - here are the [details for GW's Fulbright Program Advisors](#). More information on the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, including a breakdown of their award types, an award search, and links to information sessions and application tutorials can be found on their [Getting Started page](#).

### [Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Innovation Fellowship](#)

*Deadline: October 29, 2025 at 9:00pm ET*

Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Innovation Fellowships support graduate students who show promise of leading their fields in important new directions. The fellowships are designed to intervene at the formative stage of dissertation development, before research and writing are advanced. The program seeks to expand the range of research methodologies, formats, and areas of inquiry traditionally considered suitable for the dissertation, with a particular focus on supporting scholars who can build a more diverse, inclusive, and equitable academy.

Eligible applicants must be Ph.D. students who have completed at least two years of their Ph.D. program and all required coursework, but who have not yet advanced to candidacy. Selected awardees will receive a year of support, including a base stipend and additional funding for project-related research, training, development, and travel costs, as they prepare to embark on innovative dissertation research projects in the humanities and interpretive social sciences. For more information, including full eligibility

criteria and an explanation of necessary application materials, please visit the [Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Innovation Fellowship website](#). ACLS also offers office hours for interested applicants - the link to register is at the bottom of the award page. Please email [fellowships@accls.org](mailto:fellowships@accls.org) if you have any questions about your eligibility for this program.

### Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship

*Deadline: November 1, 2025*

Now in its fifth decade, the Newcombe Fellowship has become a nationally recognized award that distinguishes recipients within their fields. Fellows receive a \$31,000 stipend to complete the writing stage of their dissertation. Those awarded a Newcombe Fellowship are often at the forefront of creative and original scholarship, proposing new insights and ground-breaking work in the questions and conversations surrounding religion, ethics, and values.

Candidates are evaluated based on scholarly excellence; quality and originality of the project; and commitment to research that advances religious understanding, ethics, and values. More information on the application process, eligibility, and selection criteria can be found on the [Newcombe Foundation's Fellowship page](#). In addition, the Newcombe Foundation will be hosting an information session for interested applicants on Monday, October 6 at 4:00 pm (Virtual (Zoom) | [Meeting Link](#)). Any questions about the Newcombe Fellowship can be directed to [Fellowships@newcombefoundation.org](mailto:Fellowships@newcombefoundation.org).

### W&M Graduate Research Symposium: Call for Abstracts

*Abstract Submission Deadline: November 5, 2025*

William & Mary (W&M) invites doctoral and master's students conducting research in the sciences, humanities, and humanistic social sciences fields to submit abstracts for their upcoming [Graduate Research Symposium](#). Submission of an abstract implies a commitment to present your research at the Graduate Research Symposium, which will take place on W&M's campus from Feb 26-27, 2026. If your abstract is accepted, you'll also have the chance to submit a paper to compete for awards recognizing excellence in research in the [Visiting Scholars category](#).

Please review the [abstract preparation and submission guidelines](#) carefully. Any questions about the Symposium and/ or abstract submission should be directed to [grs@wm.edu](mailto:grs@wm.edu).