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November News

Thanksgiving Break

We wish a happy Veterans Day on November 11 to the over 120 graduate students who are veterans or active duty military. Thank you for your service to our country. We also acknowledge the sacrifices of the more than 40 graduate students who are military dependents or spouses.

Thanksgiving break begins at noon on November 27. We hope you have a chance to get some rest and enjoy the company of family or friends.

Events

Nov. 1

[WMU Formatting Workshops](#)

Nov. 1

[Literature Review Searching Techniques and Strategies](#)

Nov. 4

[We Could Be H.E.R.O.E.S.](#)

Funding Information

External Funding Opportunities

Check out our [external funding sources](#) on the Graduate College page. This also includes postdoctoral funding opportunities.

Travel and Research Grants

Thank you to those who applied for the fall cycle of the travel and research grants! The cross-discipline committee is reviewing the applications. All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application by the second week of December. The Graduate College website will also post all the award recipients.

Exciting news! The winter 2020 award cycle will allow doctoral students to be awarded a total of **three** grants, which is an increase from a maximum of two grants. Master's students will continue to be eligible for a total of two grants (no change). The winter 2020 application deadline is February 7, 2020 with the application opening in early December 2019.

Grad Assistant Reminders

If you are on an assistantship in the spring 2020

Nov. 4

[Dunbar Hall
Renovation Town
Hall](#)

Nov. 6

[Research Briefs in
Global Studies](#)

Nov. 6

[Teaching and
Research
Technology Day](#)

Nov. 7

[Introduction to
Mendeley Desktop](#)

Nov. 7

[Cool Tools:
Discover Your
Strengths](#)

Nov. 8

[Using Qualtrics for
Online Survey
Development](#)

semester, please submit the appropriate form to ensure your tuition is paid in a timely manner:

- Enrolled in fewer than six credits? Submit the [Under-enrollment Permission Form](#)
- Enrolled in a regional or online class? Submit the [Permission to Elect Extended University Programs Form](#)

[Funding Questions? Click Here!](#)

Did You Know?

Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)

The required [RCR](#) course provides WMU graduate students with basic research ethics and integrity training. All new graduate students are required to complete the RCR through WMU's Elearning system. This is a university-wide requirement and is not directly associated with any specific graduate program. Students admitted for the fall 2019 semester are required to complete the RCR by December 14 to prevent a registration hold from being placed on their student account.

Nov. 8

[Real Talk Diversity Series: RaceTalk Workshop](#)

Nov. 11

[Mindful Mental Health](#)

Nov. 13

[3MT Competition](#)

Nov. 13

[How to Avoid Predatory Publishers](#)

Nov. 14

[Cool Tools for Teaching: Engaging Students in Different Study Strategies 2](#)

Nov. 15

[Introduction to Zotero Desktop - Free Reference Management software](#)

GRE Test Preparation

Looking for help with the Graduate Records Examination (GRE)? This exam is often required for admission into a graduate program and the [WMU Writing Center](#) provides advice and test preparation services.

Versatile PhD

The Graduate College provides all WMU graduate students with free access to VersatilePhd.com through [GoWMU](#). This service helps with non-academic professional development by offering career finder tools in areas of humanities & social sciences and STEM, as well as access to member-posted job listings.

LGBTQ Registered Student Organization (RSO)

Are you an LGBTQ graduate student or an ally? Have you been looking to connect with other LGBTQ graduate students? Are you interested in helping to develop a RSO dedicated to the needs of LGBTQ grad students?

Join a group of grad students on November 12 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Multicultural Center, Trimpe Building to share your ideas about what a LGBTQ grad student RSO would look like! Free refreshments provided. Can't make it? Submit your questions or ideas instead!

Nov. 15

[International Student Career Resource Day](#)

Nov. 19

[Introduction to Mendeley Desktop](#)

Nov. 19

[National Institutes of Health - Major Changes to the R15 Grants and Beyond](#)

Nov. 20

[Presidential Leadership Series - William D. Johnston](#)

Nov. 22

[Graduate Student Association Meeting](#)

Nov. 22

[Teaching Inclusivity: Instructional Techniques to Improve](#)

[LGBTQ Idea or Question? Click Here!](#)

[International
Student Inclusion](#)

Nov. 22

[Responsibility in
Shared Action](#)

Graduate College Staff Spotlight

We're pleased to introduce you to Diana Berkshire-Hearit, graduate awards specialist, who has been with WMU since 2001.

- I love being a resource for graduate students. As the award specialist, I manage the various internal grants, fellowships and scholarship programs and work with faculty on our review panels. The goal is to empower and equip our students with the support they need to navigate coursework and scholarly activities.
- The academy is part and parcel of who I am. My oldest daughter is a professor as is my husband. Not to be left behind, my younger daughter is contemplating getting



her clinical Ph.D. Our family marches to
the drumbeat of the academic calendar.

- I am an avid quilter!