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January News

Graduation Application Due Feb. 1, 2020
Are you a grad student planning to graduate in June, August or December? Your graduation application is due February 1.

Funding Information

Travel and Research Grants
Online applications are open for the Winter 2020 award cycle for the Graduate Student Research Grant and the Graduate Student Travel Grant.

Events

Jan. 13
Introduction to Mendeley Desktop

Jan. 15
Part-time Faculty Seminar: Real Talk Strategies for Student Engagement
Please submit your completed application by Friday, Feb. 7 at 5 p.m.

Register [here](#) for the January 23 travel and research grants workshop to learn how to submit a competitive application! The workshop will be held at the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Parkview Campus in the Parkview Room from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Grad Assistant Reminders**

Tuition for graduate assistantships will disperse on or around January 2. However, if any of the following scenarios apply to you, funds will disperse after census on January 14:

- Taking fewer than three credits? Submit a [permission to under enroll](#) form.
- Taking an online/EUP course? Submit a [permission to elect EUP](#) form.
- Taking a 3000/4000 level course? Submit a [permission to elect 3000/4000 level class](#) form.

**Funding Questions? Click Here!**

**Jan. 15**

Introduction to Zotero Desktop

**Jan. 20**

Martin Luther King Day: Teach In

**Jan. 22**

2FA Required as Part of Bronco NetID Login

**Jan. 23**

Graduate Student Research & Travel Grant Workshop: Preparing Competitive Applications

**Jan. 29**

Introduction to Mendeley Desktop
Did You Know?

Are you a Ph.D. student who plans to graduate this spring 2020? Here are some deadlines to keep in mind:

- Feb. 1 - Graduation application due for commencement ceremonies in June, August and December
- Feb. 28 - Deadline to schedule the defense
- March 13 - Deadline to hold the defense
- March 20 - Deadline to submit the defended dissertation to the Graduate College

Specialist project and master's thesis deadlines are available online.

2020 Martin Luther King Day: "Disinformation and the Undermining of American Democracy: Get Facts and Act"

Join this free event on Monday, Jan. 20 in the Bernhard Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Presentations are offered every half hour addressing topics such as climate change, inequality, DACA students, poverty in our community and LGBTQ.

Jan. 29
Part-Time Faculty Seminar: University Library Services and Information Literacy

Jan. 31
Applications Due for the Three Minute Thesis Competition
Summer Classes
View summer I and II course offerings beginning on January 27 at 8 a.m. through WMU's course lookup.

Two-Factor Authentication (2FA)
Beginning Jan. 22 students will be required to use 2FA as part of their Bronco NetID login process.

Graduate Student Ambassador
The Graduate Student Ambassador program is searching for graduate students to promote graduate education, gain leadership skills and support current and future graduate students in the 2020-21 academic year. Apply now!

Graduate College Staff Spotlight
We're pleased to introduce you to Melissa Bibler, enrollment assistant, who has been with WMU since 2013.

- I find it personally rewarding to help students complete their graduate application because it is the start of their graduate program journey!
- As a member of the WMU Professional Support Staff Organization (PSSO), I chair
the PSSO spring awards luncheon planning committee and serve as emcee.

- I am originally from San Francisco, CA and moved to Kalamazoo in 1998 to work at WWMT-TV, as the Contact 3 consumer reporter and morning anchor.
- In my spare time, I teach piano, am an active member of Valley Family Church and work as a Pampered Chef independent consultant, hosting over 1,050 parties since 2002.