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# GRAD

at a glance



## We're Here For You!

The Graduate College staff is working remotely and is available to serve you Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stay well and stay in touch!

### **Application for admission**

(269) 387-2228 or (269) 387-2025  
[admissions-graduate@wmich.edu](mailto:admissions-graduate@wmich.edu)

### **Graduate appointments**

(269) 387-8259  
[grad-awards@wmich.edu](mailto:grad-awards@wmich.edu)

### **Graduate awards and fellowships**

(269) 387-8209  
[grad-grants@wmich.edu](mailto:grad-grants@wmich.edu)

### **Theses and dissertations**

## Events

### **May 6**

[What to do when you can't do anything; self care in the time of COVID-19](#)

### **May 7**

[Finding joy in the graduate experience](#)

### **May 13**

[Options for dealing with any problem](#)

(269) 387-8271

[grad-dissertation@wmich.edu](mailto:grad-dissertation@wmich.edu)

**Other**

Live chat online at [wmich.edu/grad](http://wmich.edu/grad)

## Funding Information

### Grad Assistant Reminders

The Graduate College has extended the deadline to apply for Delayed Tuition Remission for the Summer I term to May 4.

Due to distance learning for the Summer I term, the requirement to submit the Permission to Elect Extended University Program form has been waived for the Summer I term only.

All forms related to graduate appointments may be submitted with either a digital signature or accompanied by an email issuing approval. Learn more about routing forms for digital signatures [here](#).

**Funding Questions? Click Here!**

### May 20

[Talking to anxious people in the time of COVID-19](#)

### May 27

[What to do when you can't do anything; self care in the time of COVID-19](#)

## Graduate College Event

### **Finding Joy in the Graduate Experience**

While COVID-19 has brought a new wave of challenges in our daily lives, it's extremely important to remain focused and motivated throughout degree completion. This interactive workshop offered by the Graduate College is designed to help you get a boost of emotional support and identify some productive tools to manage attitude, discipline and productivity on a daily basis.

Thursday, May 7 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

RSVP for this free virtual workshop through [ExperienceWMU](#).

## Awards and Recognition

Congratulations to all of the graduate students who were selected for awards this spring. We are so proud of you! The complete list of winners for all awards is available at [wmich.edu/grad/awards](http://wmich.edu/grad/awards).

### **All-University Research and Creative Scholars Awards**

The Graduate Research and Creative Scholar Awards acknowledge graduate students' contributions to the scholarly and artistic productivity of WMU. View the All-University award video on [YouTube](#).

### **All-University Graduate Teaching Effectiveness Awards**

The Graduate Teaching Effectiveness Awards recognize effective teaching at WMU by graduate students. View the All-University award video on [YouTube](#).

### **Departmental-Level Graduate Research and Creative Scholars and Departmental-Level Graduate Teaching and Effectiveness Awards**

The faculty in each department select a Graduate Research and Creative Scholar and a Graduate Teaching Effectiveness Award winner for each of their graduate programs.

### **Dissertation Completion Fellowships**

The Graduate College offers Dissertation Completion Fellowships to WMU doctoral students based on superior scholarly achievement and quality of proposed dissertation project, to assist full-time doctoral students with the completion of their dissertations.

### **Thurgood Marshall Fellows**

Applicants for the Graduate College Thurgood Marshall Fellowship shall exemplify the values and accomplishments of Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

### **Graduate Education and the Professoriate Fellowship**

The Graduate College Graduate Education and the Professoriate program seeks to improve pathways to the professoriate and success for historically underrepresented minority doctoral students.

### **MAGS Teaching Excellence Award**

We are proud to announce Carlos Lozano as the 2020 Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools (MAGS) master's level teaching excellence award recipient!

MAGS consists of 175 institutions from 14 Midwestern states, and each university may submit a single nomination at the master's and doctoral levels. This award recognizes graduate students who exemplify excellence in the teaching/learning mission of our universities and is highly competitive.

Carlos is a native of Veracruz, Mexico and a WMU student in the Master in Music program, where he serves as a Graduate Assistant for the Strings Department. He has participated in masterclasses on the violin and viola, has played in the Rocky Ridge Music Festival and Round Top Festival Institute, and has been a member of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra as a WMU Artist Scholar. He believes teaching to be one of the most important duties for artists and musicians. Read more at [wmich.edu/grad/carlos-lozano-sanchez](http://wmich.edu/grad/carlos-lozano-sanchez).



Carlos Lozano, recipient of the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools teaching excellence award

## WMU Updates

### **WMU COVID-19 Updates**

Updates are posted regularly at [wmich.edu/covid-19](https://wmich.edu/covid-19).

### **Credit/No Credit Option**

Graduate students have until May 15 to change any or all of their spring 2020 courses to credit/no credit. This is a one-time exception to help reduce the uncertainty brought about by COVID-19. Students may request this option through GoWMU by selecting *Grade Mode Change* from the *Academic*

*Services Menu*. Please allow up to two weeks for processing. More information available [here](#).

### **Commencement**

**Spring 2020** - The WMU April 25 commencement ceremony was postponed. Alternate dates are being explored. Updates will be posted as soon as the information is available. Check out the [spring 2020 commencement booklet](#).

**Summer 2020** - A decision regarding the June 27 commencement ceremony is expected by May 20. Summer graduates will be notified as soon as a determination is made.

**FAQs** available at [wmich.edu/commencement/faq](http://wmich.edu/commencement/faq)