

GGG News

A weekly newsletter

April 12, 2021

Hi Patriots!

It's almost time for Fall 2021 registration! Be sure to talk with an advisor before you register this month. Also, check out the new work opportunities and events below!

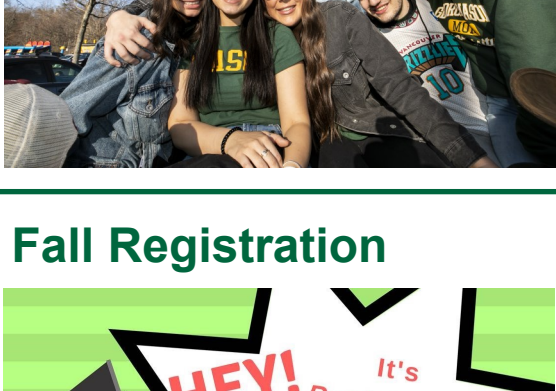


Important Dates



Dissertation/Thesis Deadline: **April 30th**
Examination Period: **May 3rd to May 10th**
Commencement: **May 14th**
Degree Conferral Date: **May 15th**

GGG has a Discord!



Discord is an instant messaging platform enabling users to communicate with voice calls, video calls, text messaging, media and files in private chats or as part of communities.

Join the GGS (Students Only) Discord server [here](#).

Fall Registration



Happy Registration Awareness Week! The Fall 2021 schedule was released on Patriot Web on Wednesday, April 1st. Schedule an appointment to meet with your [Academic Advisor](#) to review your degree completion plan BEFORE you register for classes this month!

Fall Registration Priority Dates

Graduate Students: Tuesday, April 20

Seniors (90+ hours earned): Thursday, April 22

Juniors (60-89 hours earned): Monday, April 26

Sophomores and Non-Degree ADVANCE Students (30-59 hours earned):

Wednesday, April 28

Freshman and Non-Degree ADVANCE Students (0-29 hours earned): Friday, April 30

Non-Degree Graduate: Wednesday, May 5

Non-Degree Undergraduate: Friday, July 23

The Fall 2021 Academic Calendar can be viewed [here](#).

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Find more information about advising [here](#).

Undergraduate and graduate student forms can be found [here](#).

GGG course syllabi for Spring 2021 can be found [here](#).

GGG Summer Courses



GGG is offering courses this summer! Registration for summer is currently open to all students. Check out the attached flyer for more information.

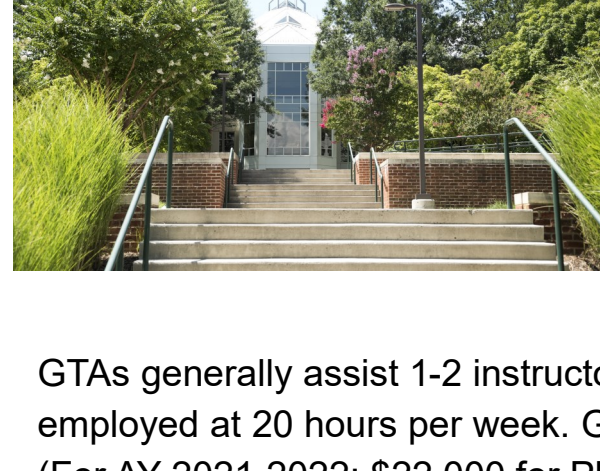
GGG Information Session



Monday, April 19, 7:30PM-8:30PM

Join this Zoom information session for to learn more about GGS Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's programs. Get oriented with GGS BAM programs, learn how/when/why to apply, talk to a BAM Student, and ask questions! Registration is required. Register and join the meeting [here](#). For questions, contact crosenfe@gmu.edu.

Fall 2021/Spring 2022 GTA Opportunity



The Department of Geography and Geoinformation Science is currently accepting applications for GTAs for academic year 2021-2022.

Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) will be selected based on qualifications in the subject matter and teaching experience. GTA appointments will be made after review by the Chair.

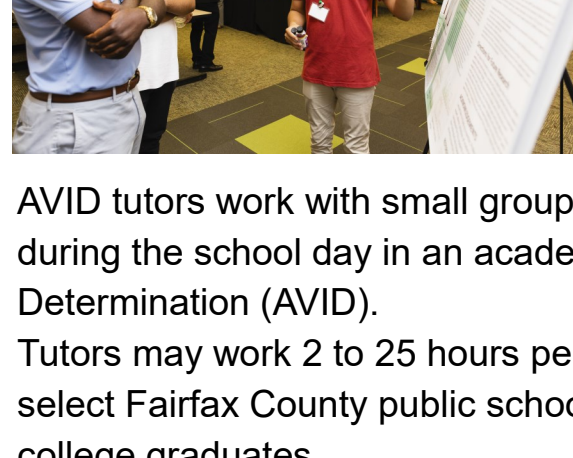
GTAs generally assist 1-2 instructors per semester and are considered full-time employed at 20 hours per week. Graduate Teaching Assistants receive a fixed stipend (For AY 2021-2022: \$22,000 for Ph.D. students and \$16,000 for MS students).

All current TAs need to reapply! Renewal is NOT automatic. Please notify us of your intent to continue in the following academic year by emailing us at ggs@gmu.edu.

To apply as a GTA with GGS, please email your intent to ggs@gmu.edu. Only applicants sent to this email will be reviewed. Please include your G#, resume, and a cover letter.

For additional information, click [here](#).

Internship



Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Tutors

The AVID College Readiness System is designed to increase the number of students who enroll and succeed in higher education and in their lives beyond high school.

AVID tutors work with small groups of approximately 5-7 middle or high school students during the school day in an academic elective class called Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID).

Tutors may work 2 to 25 hours per week, depending on tutor availability and openings in select Fairfax County public schools. Candidates must be currently enrolled in college or college graduates.

Comfort with higher-level math is especially needed, though not required. Tutors must have reliable transportation as most of the schools are not accessible using public transport. This is an **unpaid internship** experience.

Interested applicants should send a resume to Bridget Wright at bmwright@fcps.edu.

The FCPS approval process takes approximately 2 weeks.

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Handshake is Mason's source for jobs, internships, employment advice, and career fair details. Activate your account for **free** and complete your profile today! Join [here](#).

Have your resume reviewed by emailing a word document to careers@gmu.edu, visiting Career Services during Drop-in Hours (M, W, Th from 1-3pm) or [make an appointment](#) to tailor your resume for a job/internship search.

Did you know Mason offers an unpaid internship scholarship?

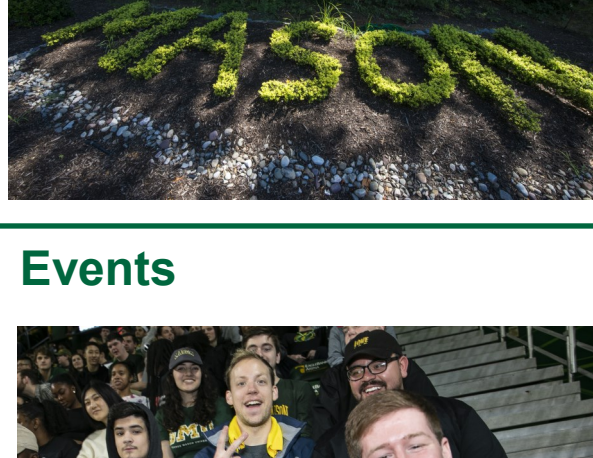
Students may receive up to up to \$1000 during the fall and spring semesters and \$3000 during the summer term.

Students must have a minimum 2.0 GPA and be a currently enrolled, degree-seeking student. They will be accepting applications for Summer 2021 Internships until April 1st.

Additional information about this opportunity can be found [here](#).

Create your Handshake account [here](#). Handshake is Mason's source for jobs, internships, employment advice, and career fair details.

2021 Just in Time Fair



Looking for a job or internship? Join this virtual event Monday, May 17th from 3PM to 6PM!

Employers are invited to network with students looking for all kinds of positions, including internships, entry level and summer employment.

For a list of participating employers, click [here](#).

Register [here](#).

Events



Free Food and Toiletries

Monday, April 12, 3:30PM-5:30PM

Free food, toiletries, fresh produce and/or baked goods (if available) will be distributed by Mobile Hope and Grace Covenant Church in Parking Lot K. Drive up and walk up distribution is available.

More information can be found [here](#).

Nonprofit Careers Week: Mason Alumni Panel - How to Launch Careers in Nonprofit

Tuesday, April 13, 4:30PM

Join this virtual event to hear from a panel of Mason alumni who work in various nonprofit organizations to learn how they've navigated the "world of work" post-graduation. You'll gain first-hand accounts of how our alumni utilize their Mason education in the nonprofit industry.

This event is co-sponsored by the GMU Office of Alumni Relations; those who attend the entire event will have a chance to **win a \$100 gift card!**

The moderator will be Chris Preston, Vice President of Corporate Relations, United Way Worldwide. Additional Information can be found [here](#). Join the event [here](#).

Use Jobscan on Your Resume

Wednesday, April 14, 4PM

Join Career Services for a demo and premium access to the tech tool, Jobscan, to personalize your resume for better results. For more info or to register, click [here](#). Join the event [here](#).

Resources



Student Emergency Assistance Funding – Spring 2021

Applications are open from January 21st to April 26th.

You must be enrolled in the Mason Spring 2021 term in a degree-seeking program at the time you apply for emergency assistance.

An application for emergency assistance funding will NOT be considered until you have exhausted all other sources of financial assistance, including all subsidized and unsubsidized loans.

To apply or for more information, click [here](#).

Capital Area Food Bank

Click [here](#) for food resources and other assistance.

Contemporary Student Services

Contemporary Student Services gives information about available student resources, highlights opportunities for student involvement, and provides social support. Learn more [here](#).

Temporary SNAP Eligibility for College Students

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federal program under the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service. SNAP provides a monthly benefit to individuals and families through an Electronic Benefits Card (EBT) to purchase food.

Effective January 16, 2021, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 temporarily expands SNAP eligibility to include students enrolled at least half-time in an institution of higher education, who either:

1) Are eligible to participate in state or federally-financed work-study during the regular school year (it is not required to actually participate in work-study), or

2) Have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$0 in the current academic year.

Learn more information [here](#). Apply for SNAP benefits [here](#).

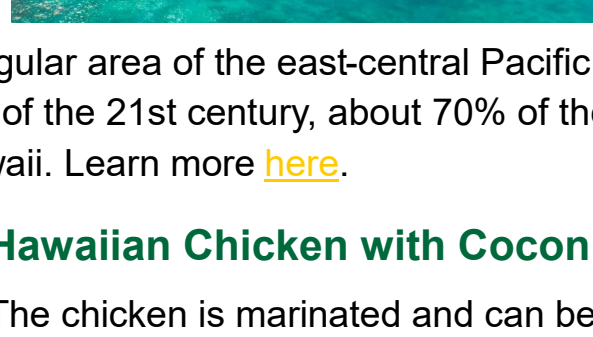
UCGIS Discount

Looking for some targeted professional development to enhance your mapping and spatial analysis skills with R? Consider upcoming summer 2021 sessions of [Spatial Statistics for GIS Using R](#) or [Mapping in R](#)!

These 4 week long online classes are available to individuals from UCGIS member Institutions each at a \$150 discount (25% off the \$589 per class price).

To access the discounted registration price directly, enter "UCGIS2021" as your promo code. To confirm your eligibility via a UCGIS member institution affiliation, use your official .edu email address when you register.

Culture Spotlight: Polynesia



Polynesia is a huge triangular area of the east-central Pacific Ocean that contains many islands. At the beginning of the 21st century, about 70% of the total population of Polynesia resided in Hawaii. Learn more [here](#).



Hawaiian Chicken with Coconut Rice

The chicken is marinated and can be grilled or pan-fried.

The marinade is soy-based with pineapple juice for a combo of salty, sweet, and tangy flavors. The pineapple and coconut gives this dish a Polynesian flair.

Click [here](#) for the recipe!