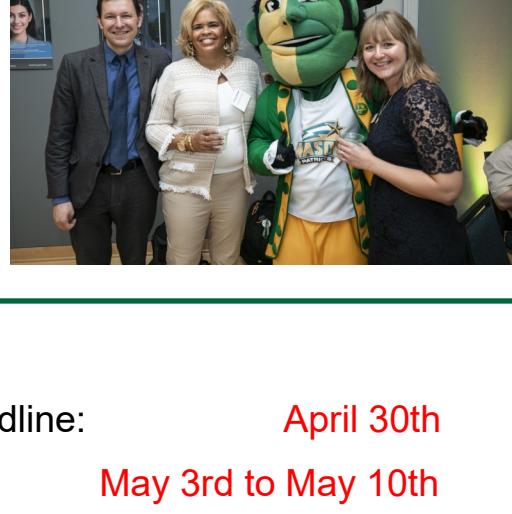


## Hi Patriots!

Fall 2021 registration is open and the semester is almost over! If applicable, be sure to submit your thesis/dissertation deadline by this Friday. Also, check out the new internship opportunities and events below!

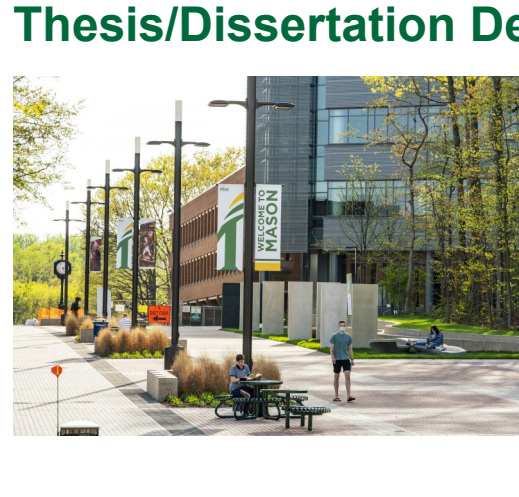


## Important Dates



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

## GGs has a Discord!



Discord is an instant messaging platform enabling users to communicate with voice calls, video calls, text messaging, and files in private chats or as part of communities. Join the GGS (Students Only) Discord server [here](#).

## Thesis/Dissertation Deadline



The Thesis/Dissertation deadline is this Friday, April 30th! **All theses/dissertations are due to the Library by 5pm.**

If students have not already gone through a format review, they should contact Sally Evans, the University Dissertation and Thesis Services Coordinator, immediately. Email her at [uds@gmu.edu](mailto:uds@gmu.edu). You can also schedule an appointment [here](#).

## Graduation



Although registration for the Mini Ceremony has now closed, you can still register for the Patriot Procession. Family and friends are also invited to attend. Everyone must adhere to COVID-related health restrictions. **You must register to participate.** Register [here](#). This event, open to undergraduate, master's, and doctoral candidates, will take place at the soccer stadium on the Fairfax Campus. You can select a preferred time to have your moment on stage, and your name will be announced. You can bring up to eight guests. You will have several photo opportunities, including a photograph with your family and friends. Wearing your graduation regalia is encouraged but not required. The Patriot Procession will be ongoing during the week of May 10. The schedule will be posted [here](#). Additional information about all graduation events can be found [here](#).

## Fall Registration



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](#).

## Undergraduate Advisors

**Last names A-G**  
 Dr. Christine Rosenfeld  
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 Dr. Maction Komwa  
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**Last names P-Z:**  
 Dr. Nathan Burtch  
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## Graduate Advisors

Dr. Ruixin Yang  
[ryang@gmu.edu](mailto:ryang@gmu.edu)

Find more information about advising [here](#). Undergraduate and graduate student forms can be found [here](#).

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

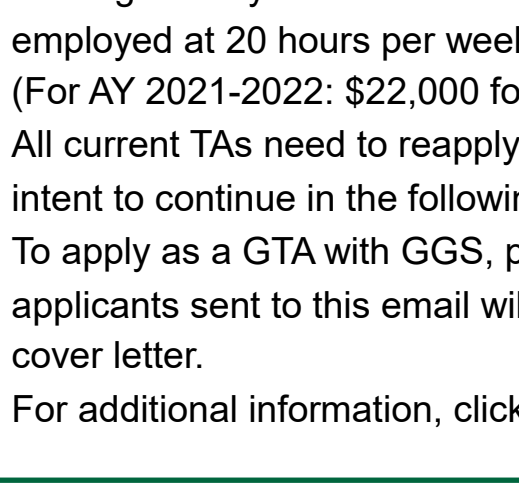
## GGs Summer Courses



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

**GGs 110** has many seats left! Learn more about geoinformation technology with this course!

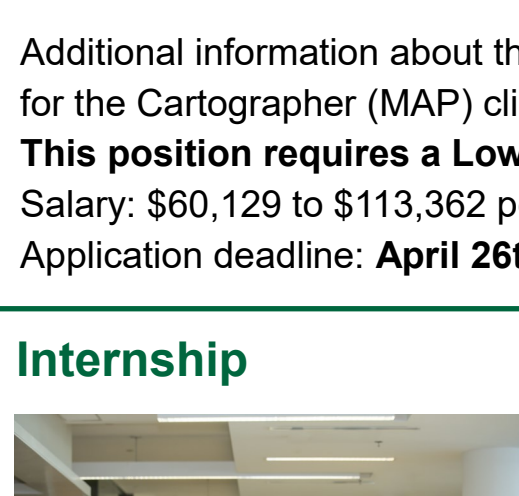
## COVID-19 Vaccine



Mason is arranging appointments for students, faculty, staff, contractors, and alumni to receive their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine on **Wednesday, April 28** at Mason's EagleBank Arena in Fairfax, VA.

The Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is administered at this clinic and is a two-dose series, three weeks (21 days) apart. You will have an opportunity to schedule your second dose at the time of your first dose appointment. Registration is required. Make your appointment [here](#). Be sure to bring your photo ID. For questions, please email [vaccine@gmu.edu](mailto:vaccine@gmu.edu).

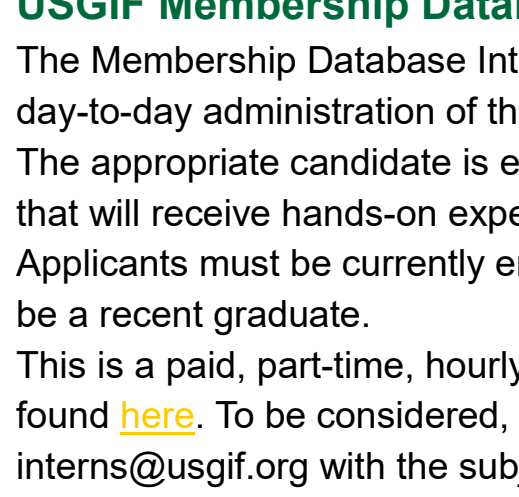
## Fall 2021/Spring 2022 GTA Opportunity



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](mailto:ggs@gmu.edu). To apply as a GTA with GGS, please email your intent to [ggs@gmu.edu](mailto: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](#).

## Job Opportunities

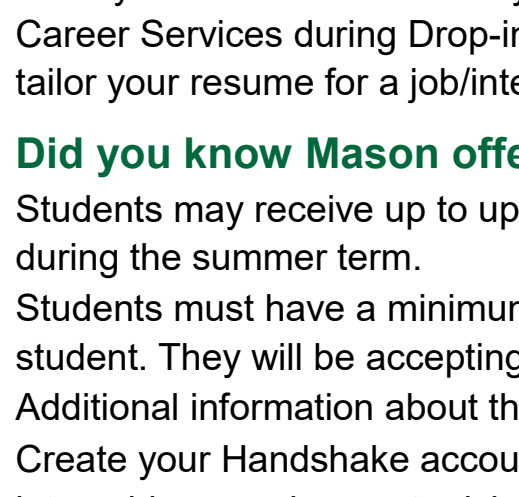


### Cartographer (DE/CR) and Cartographer (MAP)

This full-time position is located in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service (NOS), Office of Coast Survey (OCS) with three vacancies in Silver Spring, MD. Duties include maintaining a national navigational database, distributing National Ocean Service (NOS) nautical products and services to the marine public, and more.

Additional information about the Cartographer (DE/CR) position can be found [here](#), and for the Cartographer (MAP) click [here](#). **This position requires a Low Risk Security Clearance.** Salary: \$60,129 to \$113,362 per year Application deadline: **April 26th**

## Internship



### USGIF Communications Intern

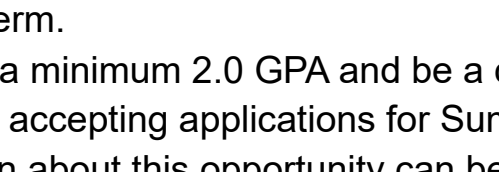
The Communications Intern contributes to the day-to-day writing and editing of the official digital magazine of the United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF), trajectory, and also helps execute communication strategies for the Foundation. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a graduate program, or be a recent graduate. This is a paid, part-time, hourly position. Additional information about this position can be found [here](#). To be considered, please submit a cover letter and resume to [interns@usgif.org](mailto:interns@usgif.org) with the subject "Comms Intern". **The application deadline is Friday, May 7th.**

### USGIF Membership Database Intern

The Membership Database Intern contributes to the development, implementation and day-to-day administration of the USGIF Association Management System (AMS). The appropriate candidate is enthusiastic, hard-working, and a creative problem solver that will receive hands-on experience with a "big data" management system. Applicants must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate program, graduate program, or be a recent graduate. This is a paid, part-time, hourly position. Additional information about this position can be found [here](#). To be considered, please submit a cover letter and resume to [interns@usgif.org](mailto:interns@usgif.org) with the subject "Membership Database Intern". **The application deadline is Friday, May 7th.**

### USGIF Programs Intern

Do you have an interest in geography, the geospatial industry and/or the intelligence community? Do you have interest in working in a rapidly growing industry? The United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF) is seeking qualified applicants for its Programs Intern. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a relevant Master's program. This is a paid, hourly position. Additional information can be found [here](#). To be considered, please submit a cover letter and resume to [interns@usgif.org](mailto:interns@usgif.org) with the subject "Programs Intern". **The application deadline is Friday, May 7th.**



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### Did you know Mason offers an unpaid internship scholarship?

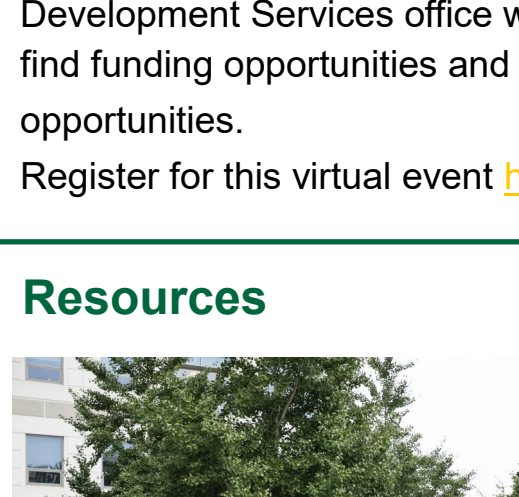
Students may receive up to up to \$1000 during the fall and spring semesters and \$3000 during the summer term. Students must have a minimum 2.0 GPA and be a currently enrolled, degree-seeking student. They will be accepting applications for Summer 2021 Internships until April 1st. Additional information 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.

## AI-Security Living Lab Experience (AISLE)



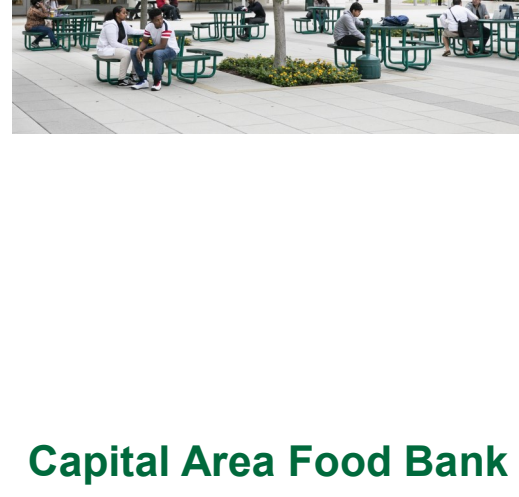
Monday-Friday: 9:30AM-4PM  
 August 9th to August 13th.  
 Join, learn, and get paid (\$500 per student)!  
 Apply by emailing Dr. Nektaria Tryfona at [ntryfona@gmu.edu](mailto:ntryfona@gmu.edu).  
 View the attached flyer to learn more.

## 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



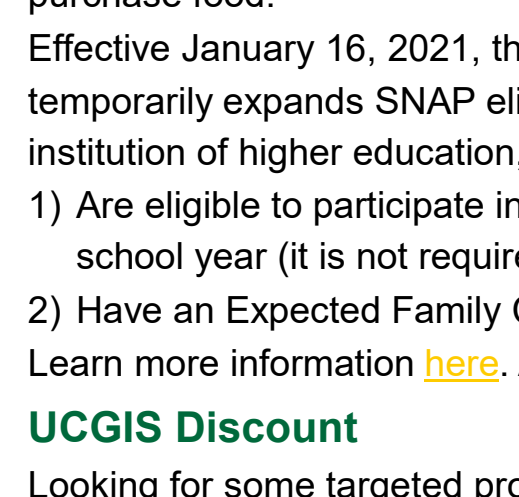
### Create a Powerful Global Resume or CV

Wednesday, April 28, 9AM  
 Join this interactive virtual training to learn what strategies grab the attention of recruiters and to develop your resume/CV for a specific country, and much more!  
 Register [here](#) with the registration key "gmuniver". Once logged in, click on "Global Career Training" and find the online trainings (webinars) of interest.

### Grant Writing Workshop for Faculty and Students

Wednesday, April 28, 1PM-2:30PM  
 Finding funding for your research and scholarship can seem daunting. The Research Development Services office will share tips, insights, and additional resources to help you find funding opportunities and craft your proposal to meet the needs of those opportunities. Register for this virtual 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: Philippines



The Philippines is an island country part of Southeast Asia in the western Pacific Ocean. It's capital is Manila. Learn more about the Philippines [here](#)!



### Filipino Adobo Aromatic Chicken

This recipe serves six. Click [here](#) for the recipe!