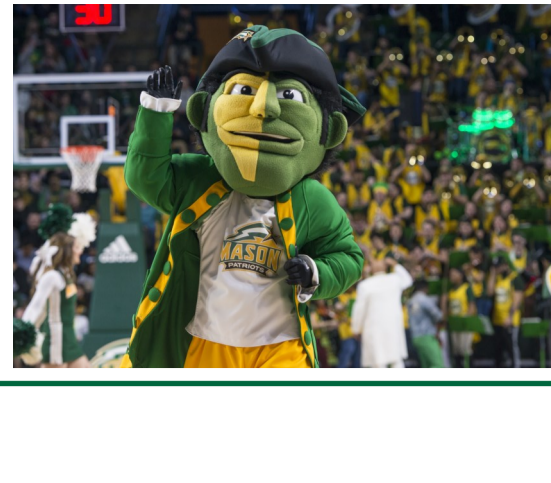


Happy April!

It's International Week at GMU! This is the 40th International Week at Mason and will be filled with fun programs that showcase different cultures. Also, registration is coming up soon for Fall 2021! Check out all the information 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](#).
 GGS course syllabi for Spring 2021 can be found [here](#).

International Week



Mason will celebrate its 40th International Week Friday, April 2nd through Sunday, April 11th!

This week-long celebration is an opportunity for students from over 128 countries represented at Mason to showcase their cultures through various programs and activities.

One of the most anticipated events of the week is the annual International Dance Competition which will begin at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9. For details and to watch virtually, click [here](#).

To learn more about other events throughout the week, view the event calendar [here](#).

Job Opportunities



Research Experience Opportunity

This summer, virtually through Citizen Science GIS at University of Central Florida, the National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates & Teachers (REU/RET) will be hosting the "Preparing the Next Generation of Scholars through Community GIS and Citizen Science" program.

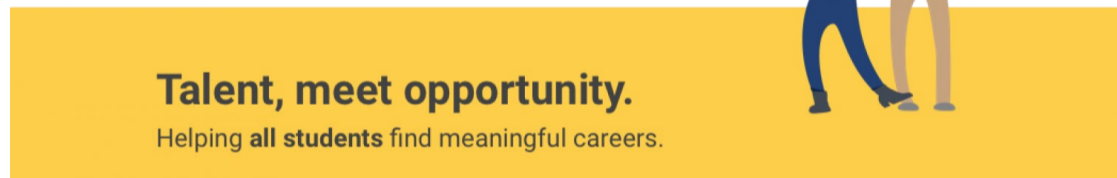
This virtual program (due to COVID) offers fully funded summer research experiences for eight undergraduate students and two K-12 teachers. Participants will also be invited to a fully funded ten-day fieldwork experience to Belize in early 2022 as COVID conditions improve.

Program Dates: Virtual from June 1st to July 9th, 2021. Belize fieldwork, early 2022.

Application process: Priority application deadline is **Friday, April 9th**. For more information, or to apply, click [here](#).

Funding: \$4200 research stipend, \$750 for post-REU conference travel or industry visits, research methods books, technology support, and all expenses covered for 2022 Belize fieldwork.

For additional questions, please email Dr. Timothy Hawthorne, Director of Citizen Science GIS at University of Central Florida, at timothy.hawthorne@ucf.edu.



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.

Events



Graduate Student Career Workshop: Negotiating Job Offers, Salaries, and Raises

Tuesday, April 6, 2:30PM

Join Graduate Student Life and University Career Services virtually for this webinar to learn strategies and tips to be an informed and effective advocate for yourself to get the compensation you deserve.

Register [here](#).

Senior Portraits

Tuesday, April 6, 10AM

Wednesday, April 7, 10AM

Thursday, April 8, 10AM

Johnson Center (Fairfax Campus): G19, Gold Room, AND Atrium

Reserve your Senior Portrait appointment online or over the phone by following these simple steps:

- 1) Visit OURYEAR.com
- 2) Enter school code 700
- 3) Or call 1-800-OUR-YEAR (1-800-687-9387)
- 4) Select an available time from the list and book your appointment

Students are encouraged to make an appointment for their Senior Portrait sitting well in advance as space is limited and the most desirable time slots fill up quickly.

Walk-ins are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

A \$10 sitting fee is required.

iWeek International Trivia

Thursday, April 8, 3PM-4PM

Join other students for fun and competitive international trivia this International Week!

Test your knowledge and skills with topics varying from geography, flags, and languages. Prizes will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places!

Register for this virtual event [here](#).

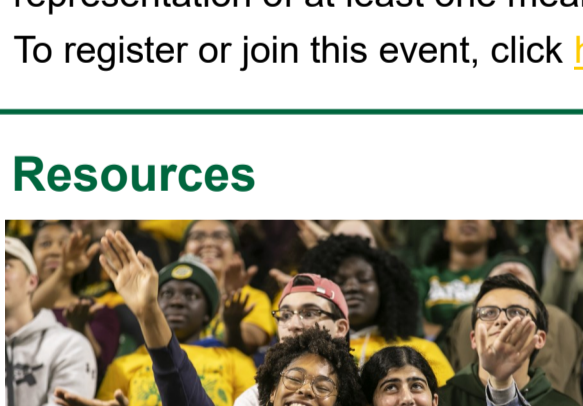
Paint Your Dream Job

Thursday, April 8, 7:30PM-8:30PM

Unsure or confused about your "dream job?" Join University Career Services for a fun and creative guided visualization. You will create a visual representation of at least one meaningful aspect of your future. No artistic skills required!

To register or join this event, click [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](#).

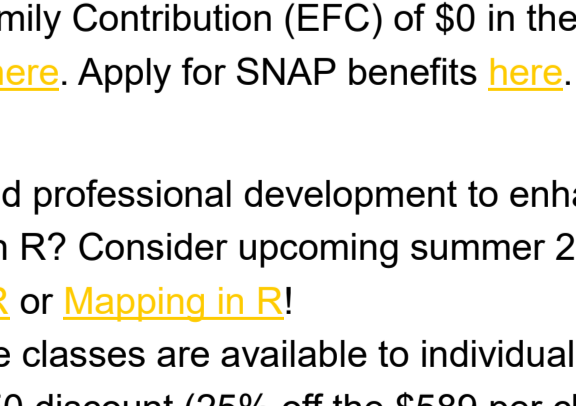
UCGIS Discount

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!](#)

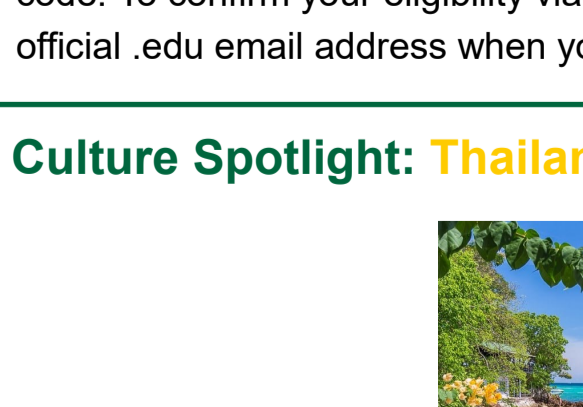
These 4 week long online classes are available to individuals from UCGIS member Institutions each at a \$150 discount (25% off the \$589 per class price).

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: Thailand



Thailand is located in the center of mainland Southeast Asia. Learn more about Thailand [here!](#)



Thai Beef with Basil

This Thai stir fry only takes 25 minutes and makes four servings! Check out the recipe [here](#).