



VSU Graduate School Newsletter

January/February 2025

WELCOME TO THE SPRING SEMESTER!

Congratulations Summer & Fall 2024 Graduates! We are excited to learn about the next chapter in your career and look forward to celebrate our Spring 2025 Graduates in May!

Important Information for This Spring!



Graduate Assistantship Positions are available for Spring and Summer semester of 2025. If you are interested in applying for a graduate assistantship, you can apply on the [GA Jobs Board Website](#) and click on the “Apply Now” button. Graduate Assistants receive a stipend, tuition waiver, and related career experience while helping to fulfill the mission of the University. For out-of-state students, graduate assistantships also eliminate the non-resident tuition rate.

Graduate Research Symposium – The Graduate Research symposium is on April 11, 2025 from 3:00 – 6:00 pm in the Student Union Ballrooms. The deadline for faculty mentors to submit nomination forms for the symposium is on February 16, 2025. These forms should be sent to Darli DeVane at djdevane@valdosta.edu. More information can be found on the Graduate School website: [Graduate Research Symposium Link](#).

Attention Doctoral Students

This is a reminder that as of Fall 2024 all dissertations are required to follow the **APA 7th Edition** format. [Knack tutoring](#) through the Academic Support Center can help with formatting and writing questions you may have.

Need help navigating the use of AI in your courses?

Check out this helpful guide here: [AI-U/v1.0: “A Student Guide to Navigating College in the Artificial Intelligence Era”](#).

This guide is a new resource for students and was developed by Elon University and AAC&U.

Did you know? *Odum Library Edition*

Odum Library provides a variety of library resources that are available to all of our graduate students:

- **LibGuide:** The LibGuide provides resources for graduate students but includes special pages that address specific graduate programs. It provides a guide for library resources including the names of reference librarians that are here to assist you.
- **Interlibrary Loan (ILL):** ILL is an essential service that helps Odum Library users borrow materials like articles and books from other libraries. This service is beneficial for all types of graduate work and students in online programs.
- **Live Chat:** This service is available to answer questions on citations, finding resources outside of the library, using government information, developing literature reviews, or any other questions a grad student may have.
- **Research Appointments:** Research appointments are available to be scheduled in virtual or in-person formats. They can be scheduled for one-on-one or group sessions. Appointments can be scheduled for someone to get familiar with Odum Library or to refresh one's research skills. The appointments can also be helpful for students completing intense, discipline-specific research, e.g., thesis-based programs, and the Odum library faculty and staff enjoy building relationships with grad and doctoral students while assisting your with your respective research areas.

More information can be found at these links: [Odum Library LibGuide](#) [Research Appointments](#)

Thanksto Ms. Catherine Bowers for sharing information about the library resources available for our grad students!

Association of Graduate Students (AGS) Meetings

The next general meeting will be on January 28, 2025 at 7 pm. Meetings take place in person in Odum Library and on Teams. All Graduate Students are invited to attend! For more information, please visit the AGS presence link [here](#).

Important Dates

New Graduate Student Kickoff	January 9, 2025, 6-7:30 PM
Association of Graduate Students (AGS) Meeting	January 28, 2026 at 7 PM
Graduate Research Symposium Nomination Forms Due	February 16, 2025
Grad Assistant Recruitment Day	March 6-7, 2025
Spring Break	March 17-21, 2025
Graduate Student Research Symposium	April 11, 2025, 3-6 pm
Dissertation and Thesis Deadline	April 18, 2025
Spring Commencement.....	May 9, 2025 at 5 pm