

# VIMS and W&M

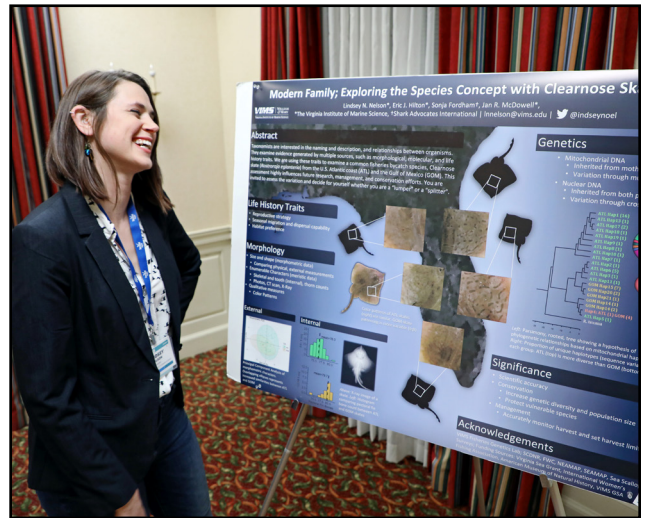
## Professional Development Opportunities and Resources

William & Mary, the School of Marine Science, and VIMS offer a wide range of professional development opportunities, resources, and connections to support graduate students. Below is a compilation of resources available to you and opportunities will be advertised in the weekly Academic Digest.

### Career Preparedness

#### *W&M Career Development & Professional Engagement Office*

- The W&M Career Center Offers career development programs, services, connections, and resources to all students. Services include:
  - » 1-on-1 career advising.
  - » Online resumes/CV, cover letter, and interview preparation resources.
  - » [Dress to Impress](#) - an initiative that provides students with the opportunity to borrow professional attire for interviews.
  - » Annual workshops like the Professional Development Academy, which is hosted in January.
- Contact Don Snyder, the Director of STEM Careers, by email at [dlsnyder@wm.edu](mailto:dlsnyder@wm.edu).



#### *VIMS Professional Development Committee (PDC)*

- As a part of the VIMS GSA, the PDC designs and hosts annual professional development opportunities.
- Events include annual alumni networking sessions, a Peer Review Network, a surviving graduate school lunch series, and the semesterly Scientist Walks Into a Bar outreach opportunity.

#### *W&M's Graduate Schools*

- VIMS students are regularly invited to participate in professional, skill, and network development workshops hosted by other W&M graduate schools.



### Writing Resources & Study Spaces

#### *The School of Marine Science Writing Boot [Camp](#)*

- An intensive, week-long event that provides students with the time, space, resources, and instruction needed to develop as a writer

#### *W&M Arts & Sciences Graduate Writing Resource [Center](#)*

- A Center hosted by W&M Graduate Arts & Sciences that offers VIMS students writing resources, workshops, and 1-on-1 consultations.

#### *VIMS [Hargis Library](#)*

- Hargis library is located on the VIMS campus and provides students with relevant scientific resources and work spaces.

#### *W&M [Swem Library](#) and the Graduate Student Commons*

- Swem Library is located on the W&M main campus and provides all students with robust resources and spaces for learning.
- Located on the second floor of Swem Library is a dedicated study space for graduate students. Your W&M ID is needed to swipe into the space.

## **Teaching, Education, and Outreach**

### *VIMS Teaching Assistantships*

- Opportunities for VIMS students to support faculty teaching marine science courses, primarily at the undergraduate level

### *VIMS Teaching Fellows*

- An opportunity for senior Ph.D. students to design and teach their own 1-credit marine science course to W&M undergraduate students.

### *Scientist Walks into a Bar*

- A semesterly event where VIMS students present their research and work to local communities at popular breweries.

### *VA SEA - K-12 lesson plans*

- VIMS students design, publish, and teach K-12 lesson plans through the Virginia Scientists & Educators Alliance (VA SEA) - a collaboration between CBNERRVA, VIMS, and the VIMS Marine Advisory Program.

### *K-12 Student and Teacher Education Camps*

- CBNERR and MAP host annual summer camps that provide educational opportunities to local K-12 students and teachers. VIMS students are invited to participate in these camps as instructors.

### *W&M Studio for Teaching & Learning Innovation ([STLI](#))*

- STLI offers the W&M community advanced training and resources in teaching, learning, and mentoring techniques. STLI is located on the ground floor of Swem library.



## **VIMS Centers and Affiliations**

### *Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve ([CBNERR](#))*

- This VIMS Center exhibits leadership in coastal zone management through innovative estuarine and coastal watershed science and education programs. VIMS students engage with CBNERR through its many coastal training and education opportunities.

### *VIMS Marine Advisory Program ([MAP](#))*

- This VIMS center provides scientific advisory services on behalf of the Commonwealth citizenry, marine industries, and government. VIMS students engage with MAP through its education programs as well as through its work in the areas of aquaculture, commercial and sport fishing, and marine business.

### *[Virginia Sea Grant](#)*

- The Virginia chapter of NOAA Sea Grant supports graduate students through research and post-graduate fellowships in science policy and resource management

### *Center for Coastal Resources Management ([CCRM](#))*

- This VIMS center has a formal mission to support informed decision-making on resource management issues at all levels of government, including private and corporate citizens. VIMS students engage with the CCRM through their outreach and education opportunities.

### *Virginia Coastal Policy Center ([VCPC](#))*

- Based out of the W&M Law School, the VCPC offers Law and VIMS students the chance to collaborate and develop policy solutions for environmental questions.