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### **Call for Papers – Journal of Mason Graduate Research**

In November 2013 the newly formed Journal of Mason Graduate Research (JMGR) will publish its inaugural issue. This journal, housed in GMU's Graduate and Professional Student Association (GAPSA), is a journal for all graduate and professional students at George Mason University, regardless of area of study.

JMGR provides George Mason University (Mason) and the broader academic community a quality, peer reviewed, open access journal of graduate and faculty research. This edition will focus on the topic of **Innovations in Higher Education**.

JMGR seeks to provide all Mason graduate and professional students opportunities to be exposed to the peer review and publication processes, as well as provide opportunities for Mason faculty to perform service to the university through academic contributions and mentorships. Our objective is that this journal will be the first of many that help Mason students publish original research.

Below are some suggested subtopics related to the first issue's theme of **Innovations in Higher Education**:

- Assessment
- STEM
- Teaching and Learning
- Student Services and Experience
- Employability of Students
- Faculty Issues
- Graduate Education
- International Student Issues
- Other

All graduate research is relevant, but the topic of the paper must relate to higher education.

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