

Center for International Student Access

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**Call for Proposals**

**International Graduate Student Multidisciplinary Colloquium**

**December 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2014
12:30-2:30 p.m.
Location TBD**

**Proposal Deadline: November 13th, 2014**

***Toward International Scholarship: Exploring Interdisciplinary and Cross-cultural Research Questions***

**With the increase of international student enrollment and an emphasis on strategic internationalization across U.S. institutions of higher education, Mason’s Graduate International Pathway Program aims to offer innovative spaces for emerging scholars to become immersed in and contribute to scholarship across the disciplines. In recognition of international graduate students, the International Graduate Student Multidisciplinary Colloquium serves to highlight and value their potential leadership qualities, including multilingualism/translingualism, internationalism, and entrepreneurship.**

**The Graduate International Pathway Program at Mason actively considers Mason student preparedness with regard to 21st century international professional landscapes. As we do, several questions come to mind, including, *How do we prepare graduate students for internationalized professions? Across and in the disciplines, what is the relationship between national and international scholarship? What role does language play in this internationalized professional landscape? Is English language proficiency the gate to professional engagement? How do international perspectives shape and reshape disciplinary and interdisciplinary discussions and discourse?***

***Toward International Scholarship: Exploring Interdisciplinary and Cross-cultural Research Questions* showcases one approach to the issue of student preparedness, giving graduate international pathway students the opportunity to develop professional skills and providing the Mason community with the opportunity to engage in wider conversations about the internationalization of the disciplines.**

**We welcome proposals from across the disciplines that explore interdisciplinary and cross-cultural research questions. The purpose of this colloquium is for participants to share their works-in-progress and receive feedback from scholars across the disciplines. Accepted presentations will be 20 minutes in length, including 5 minutes for Q/A. Please submit proposals (250 words, including title and session description) by November 13th,2014 to Anna Habib,** **ahabib@gmu.edu** **and Karyn Mallett,** **kmallet1@gmu.edu****.**