

# THE GRADUATE CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND RETENTION

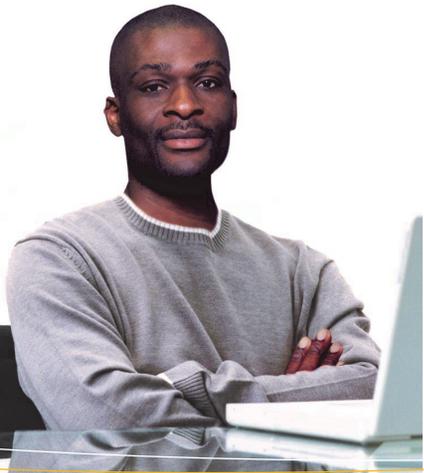
*Retention Initiatives*

*Professional Development*

*Career Preparation*

## THE GCRR'S SERVICES

1. **Mentoring and One-On-One Conferencing**
2. **Dissertation and Thesis Coaching**
3. **Conflict Resolution**
4. **Professional Development**
5. **Statistical Consultation for Dissertation/Thesis Research**
6. **Quality Circle Reviews and Writing Support**



The Graduate Center represents an integrated approach to retention, conducts research on time-to-degree, participates in national research initiatives in graduate education that ensure best practices, and implements programmatic interventions to enhance opportunities for graduate degree completion for all WMU graduate students.

## Services for All WMU Graduate Students

### MENTORING AND ONE-ON-ONE CONFERENCING

An opportunity to meet with the Center director in a secure confidential setting about any element of the graduate educational process that draws the student's concerns. Students receive assistance with all elements of the thesis or dissertation process; preparation for the proposal defense and the dissertation defense; refining concepts; organizing strategies for completion; communicating with advisors and committee members; remaining motivated, focused, and on task.

### DISSERTATION AND THESIS COACHING

A step-by-step approach to contend with the rigors of writing and researching the dissertation or thesis and that leads to opportunities for successful completion.

### CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Learn how to communicate clearly and productively with faculty, dissertation advisors, committee members and to establish rewarding professional relationships.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Attend seminars, workshops, presentations centered in your professional development as a WMU graduate student and an emerging scholar in your field: time management; salary negotiation, library research modules; navigating the dissertation; preparing the HSIRB proposal; grant writing; stress management, among others. Please visit the Graduate College website for a complete list of currently offered programs: <http://www.wmich.edu/grad/events/index.html>

### STATISTICAL CONSULTATION

An opportunity for WMU graduate students who are writing the dissertation or thesis to confer with a statistician and receive one-on-one individualized statistical consultation as they bring their research to fruition. Contact Dr. Marianne Di Pierro, Director, Graduate Center for Research and Retention, for additional information about how to get started: 269. 387. 8249. See the Statistical Consultation Flowchart: [www.wmich.edu/grad/currentstudents/stats\\_consultation.pdf](http://www.wmich.edu/grad/currentstudents/stats_consultation.pdf)

### QUALITY CIRCLE REVIEWS AND WRITING SUPPORT

An editorial process directed toward improvement of dissertation and thesis chapters to ensure the quality of the document. A group of student-colleagues, both external and internal to the writer's field of expertise, meet with the writer to engage in a discussion that facilitates the enhancement of the work by eliciting both strengths and areas for improvement. Faculty may refer the writer or the writer may self-refer. Contact Dr. Marianne Di Pierro, Director, Graduate Center for Research and Retention, for additional information about how to organize a Quality Circle Review: 269. 387. 8249.



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