

Welcome to UMD!





Graduate Student Legal Aid



What We Do

The Graduate Student Legal Aid Office (GLAO) provides a wide range of <u>free</u> and <u>confidential</u> legal services to the UMD graduate students.

Our mission is to meet the critical legal needs of our diverse graduate student population in a culturally competent, compassionate, and supportive setting.



Free Services



- 1. Legal consultations
- 2. Advocate consultations
- 3. Immigration consultations
- 4. Notary services
- 5. GRadulting Workshop Series





Legal Consultations

- Staff attorney and director, Zac Mundy
- Provide information and advice, but not representation in court
- 30-minute one-on-one consultations
- Top 2 issues: 1) tenant/landlord issues, 2) traffic citations & accidents
- Make referrals to other on-campus and off-campus resources





Advocate Consultations

- For students who have a university charge from the Office of Student Conduct – violation of the Code of Conduct or the Code of Academic Integrity
- Help students understand the process and their options when decisions are required
- Encourage students to be truthful
- Represent students at hearings, upon request





Immigration Consultations

- Offered once a month from September to May, none in January
- 30-minute private consultation with Patricia Minikon, Esq.
- One consultation per school year
- Meet first with ISSS about your concern before requesting an appointment
- ISSS will refer you to our office if they are unable to help you
- Request an appointment on the Immigration page of our website





Notary Services

- Notarize personal and academic documents
- Schedule appointment from the Notary page of our website
- Appointments available on Wednesdays and Thursdays after 9/14



GRadulting Workshop Series

- Tuesdays at 12:30pm
- New topic & new speaker each week
- Register from homepage of website
- Recorded with speakers' permission
- Join Google Group to receive email reminders



FALL 2020 VIRTUAL GRADULTING WORKSHOP SERIES

September 8, 12:30pm – 1:30pm How do I resolve problems with my landlord?

September 15, 12:30pm – 1:30pm Life Hacks for UMD Grad Students

September 22, 12:30pm – 1:30pm

How do I manage my student loan debt?

September 29, 12:30pm – 1:30pm

How do I buy a car and get a Maryland driver's license?

October 6, 12:30pm – 1:30pm

What is changing with U.S. immigration-related policies and laws?



GRADULTING

Life doesn't come with instructions. Get some guidance from Gradulting workshops, a series of free one-hour workshops for GradTerps that address common real-world questions. Come get free advice and expert tips in a virtual setting. Learn more and sign up to attend a Gradulting workshop at GradLegalAid.umd.edu

October 20, 12:30pm – 1:30pm How do I avoid accidental plagiarism? October 27, 12:30pm – 1:30pm What type of health insurance is best for me?

November 3, 12:30pm – 1:30pm

What should I know about auto insurance and car accidents?

November 10, 12:30pm – 1:30pm How do I avoid scams and identity theft?

All Fall 2020 Gradulting workshops will be held virtually. Sessions are free. To learn more and to sign up for a Gradulting workshop, visit GradLegalAid.umd.edu



What's Your Life Hack?

ATTENTION GRAD TERPS!

WHAT'S YOUR LIFE HACK?

Share it and get a chance to win UMD swag!





What's a Life Hack?

According to the Merriam Webster dictionary, a life hack is, "a usually simple and clever tip or technique for accomplishing some familiar task more easily and efficiently". Think about your own life hacks...

- How do you manage a busy schedule?
- How do you make fast and easy meals on the go?
- How do you save money and/or time?
- How do get the most out of a study or writing session?
- What do you do that's fun and free/affordable?
- What free on-campus services do you use?

Share your Life Hacks

Now it's your turn! <u>Click here</u> to tell us about your life hacks. We will share the submissions at the GRadulting Workshop on September 15th, as well as in our e-newsletter. If you like, you can remain anonymous.

Prizes!

Everyone who submits at least one life hack will be entered into a drawing for UMD swag like travel mugs, t-shirts and Terrapin Express dining cards. The deadline for submissions is **Sept. 1st**.

- Email your questions to glao@umd.edu -

Let us know how we can help you!

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