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Investing in Women



2025-2026
Grant Recipients



We are thrilled to announce the third iteration of the Investing in Women grants program, awarding a total of \$47,900 in funding for the 2026 fiscal year. These grants, made possible through the Alumnae Initiatives Endowment, reflect the vision and generosity of you, our Society of 1918 members, who believe in the power of leadership, innovation and connection. Each project embodies our shared mission to empower women, strengthen our alumnae network and create meaningful change — on campus, in local communities and beyond. From mentorship in

STEM and nonprofit leadership to amplifying women's voices in history and global policy, these initiatives showcase the transformative impact of collaboration and philanthropy. Together, we are building a legacy of progress — one idea, one project, one act of generosity at a time. Here's a look at what your support is helping bring to life!

RECONNECTING KIDS TO NATURE THROUGH STEAM — \$10,400

W&M Women Reconnecting Kids to Nature through STEAM enters its second year, expanding from one school to three in the Williamsburg area. This project brings together W&M alumnae, undergraduates and local partners to lead EcoClubs for fourth to sixth graders, inspiring environmental stewardship through hands-on activities, career exploration and field trips. The program builds multigenerational connections and nurtures future leaders committed to conservation and sustainability.

REVOLUTION UNTOLD (SCP) — \$10,000

Revolution Untold is a collaborative initiative that will research and produce six short-form historical videos uncovering untold stories from Virginia's founding era, with a special focus on women's contributions. Led by Strategic Cultural Partnerships at William & Mary, the project engages students in rigorous research and mentorship while amplifying marginalized voices through compelling, accessible media. With support from the Society of 1918, this effort will connect past and present, empowering W&M students as emerging public historians.

BREAKING BARRIERS: WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONVENINGS — \$10,000

Breaking Barriers: Women's Leadership Convenings will bring W&M alumnae, students and leaders together in Washington, D.C., and Williamsburg to explore persistent obstacles to women's economic opportunity and leadership. Through panels, roundtables and networking, these events will foster mentorship, encourage participants to share lived experiences and spark actionable ideas to accelerate change. The convenings will also inform ongoing research on gender barriers in public discourse, creating a powerful platform for dialogue and impact.

MENTORING FOR CAREERS IN PHYSICS — \$6,000

Mentoring for Careers in Physics (MCP) connects William & Mary physics and engineering students with professional women mentors to build

confidence, community and career clarity through one-on-one matches and signature events. With this grant, MCP will sustain 25-30 mentorship pairs, expand interdisciplinary outreach to computer science and business students and introduce a dedicated track at the PhysicsFest during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. This grant strengthens alumnae engagement with students and ensures MCP's impact grows across STEM fields at William & Mary.

EMPOWERING WOMEN IN NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP: NAVIGATING THE CURRENT NONPROFIT ENVIRONMENT — \$5,000

Empowering Women in Nonprofit Leadership will feature two panel discussions — one virtual and one in person at the W&M Washington Center — focused on strategies for navigating today's nonprofit landscape. Alumnae leaders from diverse sectors will share insights on overcoming challenges, fostering innovation and driving impact, while creating opportunities for mentorship and connection. These conversations aim to celebrate achievements and inspire the next generation of women leaders in service-driven careers.

THE WOMEN'S NETWORK — \$4,000

The Women's Network is William & Mary's largest campus affinity group, fostering connection, advocacy and professional growth for women across all schools and campuses. Its annual reception welcomes new members, celebrates accomplishments and strengthens mentorship and leadership opportunities for women at W&M. This grant ensures the continuation of a tradition that uplifts women leaders and builds a more inclusive, supportive campus community.

POWER PLAYERS: W&M ALUMNAE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS — \$2,500

Power Players: W&M Alumnae in Foreign Affairs will bring together William & Mary students and alumnae leaders for a panel and networking event in Washington, D.C. Hosted by the Global Research Institute's Global Scholars Program, this event will feature accomplished alumnae working in foreign affairs, offering students mentorship, career insights and meaningful connections. With support from the Society of 1918, the program empowers the next generation of women leaders in global policy.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Empowering Women in Nonprofit Leadership

JAN. 22, 2026 | 5:30—7:30 P.M.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The W&M Washington Center will host accomplished women in nonprofit leadership for a moderated, solutions-driven panel discussion on navigating the current nonprofit landscape. Featuring executives from diverse sectors, this event offers practical insights, hard-won lessons and innovative approaches from women who have led organizations through profound uncertainty. This event is sponsored by the Society of 1918.



SAVE THE DATE! W&M Women in Williamsburg

FEB. 19, 2026 | Muscarelle Museum of Art

Join W&M Women for a special evening at the Muscarelle Museum of Art, sponsored by the Society of 1918. Enjoy exclusive access to the exhibition "Abstract Expressionists: The Women", an artist-led creative experience, and a reception designed for connection and conversation.



Professional Development Week

FEB. 23-27, 2026

Join William & Mary alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends for an enriching week of professional growth and collaboration. Experts from the W&M community will lead inspiring virtual panels and workshops with practical advice for any stage of your career. Add Professional Development Week to your calendar today!

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SAVE THE DATE! **W&M Women in DC**

March 6, 2026

Join W&M Women at the W&M Washington Center for an evening centered on connection. The event opens with a networking reception and refreshments, followed by a talk from Inga Carboni, award-winning professor at W&M's Raymond A. Mason School of Business, Fulbright Scholar and author of "Connect the Dots: How to Build, Nurture, and Leverage Your Network To Achieve Your Professional Goals." Professor Carboni will explore the art and impact of building and maintaining relationships, with time afterward to continue conversations and make new connections.



SAVE THE DATE! **Gather. Grow. Give. (G3)**

March 7, 2026

Mark your calendars for our annual Society of 1918 Gather. Grow. Give. (G3) event! Join fellow Society members at the Washington Center for a day of connection, inspiration and impact in our nation's capital. Stay tuned — more details coming soon!

[MORE ALUMNAE EVENTS](#)

WELCOME NEW SOCIETY OF 1918 MEMBERS!

We're thrilled to welcome the newest members of the Society of 1918 — our community now stands at 685 strong! Thank you for being part of this growing network of women advancing leadership, engagement and philanthropy at William & Mary.

Sareh J. Baca '06

Kelley Flynn Crisci '94

Anne M. Godfrey P '23

Stephanie A. Morse '92

W&M WOMEN MOMENTS



“Ale Mary” in partnership with Virginia Beer Co. — the label was designed by W&M graphic designer Molly Socks with custom illustrations of Queen Mary II, surrounded by the Wren Building and Kensington Palace. The peach trees are symbolic of the beer’s peach-infused hazy IPA flavor profile.

Do you have a great photo of W&M women to share? A member doing something amazing? Or even a story about you that deserves to be celebrated? We'd love to feature it! From social media moments to book launches, career wins, community impact and everyday joy around the dinner table — the Society of 1918 is committed to uplifting women's voices wherever they shine.

Help us share and celebrate the incredible things W&M women are doing. Send photos, highlights or spotlights to Amanda at akdevlin@wm.edu.

STAY CONNECTED!

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SOCIETY OF 1918 MISSION AND VISION

The Society of 1918 is committed to growing the engagement, leadership and philanthropy of W&M women.

Our vision is to achieve a level of impact, influence and generosity commensurate with our majority representation in the alumni community.

The Society of 1918 e-newsletter goes out to all members of the Society periodically with updates, upcoming events, shout-outs and more. Love it? Have a suggestion? Want to author a blog on women's leadership or philanthropy? Or submit ideas and photos for a member feature?

We'd love to hear from you so that we can highlight the power of female friendship. Contact Val Cushman at vjcushman@wm.edu or by phone at 757-221-1622. You can also reach out to Amanda Devlin Lindbom at akdevlin@wm.edu.

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