



Graduate Assistantships

Assistantships are salaried positions that require a time commitment ranging from 10 hours to 20 hours per week performing duties related to teaching, technical/studio/lab assistance, office administrative assistance and research. Assistantships constitute the majority of the school's financial aid funds.

Graduate assistants are evaluated each year and re-appointment is based on the faculty evaluation of performance and the student's satisfactory progress in the degree program. Most assistantships are extended for the standard duration of the student's program. Students holding at least quarter-time graduate assistantships are eligible for in-state or out-of-state tuition waivers up to the minimum credits required for full-time enrollment, as well as free [student health insurance](#). Tuition waivers for each semester will be granted to qualifying assistants, provided they maintain a 3.0 GPA and are employed on or before the first day of classes through the end of final exams. Tuition waivers do not cover fees associated with registration, (approximately \$750-\$850 per semester) nor do they cover lab fees, which range from \$45-\$75 per graduate course. These fees are deferred until mid-semester, which allows graduate assistants additional time. All fees must be paid by the fee payment deferment deadline to avoid a \$100 late fee payment charge and cancellation of registration.

Fellowships

Fellowships are competitive awards limited to students in terminal degree programs. They include a stipend, payment of tuition to the minimum credits required for full-time enrollment, as well as free [student health insurance](#). Because fellowships are limited to terminal degree programs, the Master of Fine Arts program is the only non-PhD eligible program in the College of Fine Arts. Historically, fellowship recipients have had a high GRE, excellent letters of support and an outstanding portfolio.

Application Information

Applications for graduate assistantships and fellowships are not required, as you may indicate your interest directly on the online application and speak to your qualifications directly in your statement of purpose. Resumes are requested for all applicants, which are also used to determine fit between available assistantship assignments and student's experience, skills and talents.

Notice of Awards

Graduate assistantship and fellowship awards are usually determined at the same time faculty make admission approvals. It's our goal to award these two simultaneously, but sometimes funding awards are delayed. You will be advised in your admission letter, if this is the case. Due to limited funding, not all qualified applicants receive an award; if you accept admission without receiving a graduate assistantship award, you may reapply the following year.

[Other Resources for Graduates](#) are available at the Graduate School website, including the University of Florida's Office for Student Financial Affairs for student loans.