Graduate Teaching Assistantships

Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTA) provide academic program support under the supervision of a faculty member. GTA activities must support the teaching mission of the department.

Graduate Teaching Assistantships should not be given to graduate students who serve primarily as research assistants or administrative assistants (secretarial support for departments).

Eligibility Requirements
- Enrolled as a full-time student each semester serving as TA
- Degree seeking graduate student
- A GTA will immediately lose his/her assistantship if the GTA withdraws from a course and drops below full-time status
- GTA funding is for 2 years maximum for Masters students and 3 years for Doctoral students.
- GTAs are awarded on a semester-by-semester basis
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA to hold assistantships; departmental requirements may be higher
- Stipends vary by program and college
- No more than 20 hours per week (combined employment at the university may not exceed 20 hrs/wk)
- Departments are expected to evaluate the performance of GTAs each semester

Activities
GTA activities must support the teaching mission of the department. Activities may include but not limited to: assist the faculty in preparation and development of course/laboratory materials, running laboratory sessions, conducting study and review sessions, assist in teaching undergraduate courses, grading, responding to student questions, or help in any other activity that supports the faculty to fulfill their teaching responsibility.

Notes
- Any change in the designation of a GTA or deviation from activities listed above should receive explicit written request from the graduate school.
- Departments are responsible for managing the funds allocated by the graduate school for the specified purpose. Using funds in excess of those designated is the responsibility of the department and academic college.
- Funds not spent by the end of spring semester from the pool designated for GTAs will be returned to the graduate school for reassignment.