

Graduate Assistantships

- First, we offer Graduate Teaching Assistantships (GTAs). Duties for the GTA typically include assisting a professor (e.g., exams, lectures) with one or more undergraduate classes. The purpose of such an assistantship is to prepare graduate students to teach their own section after they have completed 18 hours of graduate course work in psychology.
- Second, we offer the Graduate Research Assistant (GRAs). Here, the graduate student will assist the professor with research activities. Through working with an experienced researcher, graduate students will have the opportunity to develop much needed research skills. Third, on occasion we have Graduate Administrative Assistantships (GAAs) geared toward departmental administrative activities.
- Please note that these different types of assistantships may be “blended” from time to time (e.g., a GTA that also engages in research activities), depending on faculty and departmental needs.

Compensation and Time Requirements:

All assistantships pay a stipend of \$1000.00 per semester. Assistantships will typically require students to be available for between 2 and 5 hours per week during the day (i.e., 8am-5pm). Out-of-state students awarded a GA will be eligible to pay in-state tuition rates.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) Must be fully admitted to the department’s graduate program (i.e., “GR” status).
- 2) Must be a full-time student (9 hours).
- 3) Must have overall GPA > 3.00.

In addition to the above eligibility requirements, decisions regarding the awarding of assistantships will include the student’s previous academic record, standardized test scores, letters of reference and a statement of purpose from the student’s graduate program application file. Faculty evaluation of a student's professionalism and classroom performance will also be considered for GA applicants who have already taken courses in the department.

Application Process:

To apply, students should fill out the application form and submit it as an attachment (word document) via email to the department’s administrative associate, Ms. Tonya Sexton, at tsexton1@aum.edu.

Students should normally receive an email confirming receipt of their application within one week. Award and Notification Process Graduate assistantships will be awarded through a committee consisting of the department’s graduate coordinator and the chair of the department.

Assistantships are normally awarded between May and July for the upcoming fall semester. Assistantships can be renewed for the spring semester if the student's performance is satisfactory. Assistantships are not typically awarded during the summer semester.