**Graduate Assistantships and Research Fellowships**

**Assistantships** are open to domestic and international students who are regularly enrolled students in the College of Graduate Studies.

Students in the provisional enrollment category, or in the unclassified enrollment category, or are not in good academic standing are NOT eligible to receive assistantships.

An inquiry for a position or award should be addressed to the **Director of Graduate Studies** of the graduate program in which the applicant plans to enroll for graduate study. Appointments include a work requirement of up to 20 clock hours per week. All Graduate Assistants are considered students. Graduate Assistants who provide primary teaching responsibilities, grading assignments, assisting with the delivery of instruction through technology, and providing other assistance related to instruction under the active supervision of a member of the university faculty are teaching assistants. Graduate Assistants who provide support of research, scholarship, or creative activity are Graduate Research Assistants. Graduate Assistants who provide support functions to a unit and are related to the graduate students’ program of study are Graduate Support Assistants. (See FSH 1565 H-2 for full definitions.) Those appointed to graduate assistantships supported by the university are advised that the appointments are tenable only in the program of the major field of study, except where prior written exceptions are made. Annual leave, sick leave, and health insurance benefits are not available for graduate assistants.

Graduate Assistant appointments are awarded as either full-time (.5 FTE, 20 hours per week) or part-time (.25 FTE, 10 hours per week). All graduate assistants must be registered as full-time students. Full-time graduate assistants are allowed additional university employment for up to 10 hours per week. There is no restriction on part-time graduate assistants.

Continuation of any graduate assistantship after the first semester is contingent upon satisfactory academic performance, satisfactory teaching and/or laboratory performance, acceptable progress toward your degree, and abiding by the program and University’s policies and procedures. UI policies and procedures are available online in the Faculty-Staff Handbook.

All Graduate Assistants are required to sign a Terms of Employment form and a Patent and Copyright Agreement for University of Idaho Employees. All assistants are required to have personal health insurance coverage or enrollment in the Student Health Insurance Program. Salaries-Stipends for graduate assistantships vary depending upon the type of assistantship, discipline of the graduate program, and length of graduate-service, and whether they are for an academic year or for 12 months. Contact your department for current salary-stipend levels.

All new teaching and/or research graduate assistants are required to attend the **TA/RA Assistant Institute** prior to the beginning of the semester in which they are first offered an assistantship. Dates and times are posted on at www.uidaho.edu/cogs. New TA/RA's are also required to complete a follow-up course through the university on-line course...
delivery system. All new international TA's are required to register for and successfully complete INTR 508 (see University course schedule for times and location).

In addition, nonresident tuition will be waived for persons holding full appointments and a pro rata portion of nonresident tuition will be waived for persons holding partial appointments. However, graduate tuition and fees (excluding special lab and course fees) will be paid for each full-time teaching and support graduate assistant. Teaching and support graduate assistants on half appointments will have 50% of their tuition and fees paid. The College of Graduate Studies pays the tuition and fees for teaching assistants; support assistants’ tuition and fees will be paid by the hiring unit. Research assistant tuition and fees may be paid by the hiring unit or through a grant/contract. Each person who holds a full appointment as an assistant is required to pay the uniform student fees and tuition charged to registered full time students, regardless of the number of credits for which the student is registered. Persons accepting part-time assistantships will be required to pay the uniform student fees and tuition based on the number of credit hours for which the person is registered. Nonresident tuition will be waived by COGS for persons holding full graduate assistant appointments and 50% of the non-resident tuition will be waived for those on half-time appointments.

Students on an assistantship cannot use a staff or staff spouse fee waiver or senior scholar waiver.

Research fellowships are awarded by various colleges. Research conducted on fellowships may or may not be used for dissertation purposes. Credit enrollment and stipends vary according to the particular fellowship. Fees and tuition are charged, but in some cases may be remitted, depending on the type of fellowship and the availability of funds. Inquiries should be addressed to the program administrator in which the applicant plans to enroll.