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For additional information on assistantship, fellowships, and awards, go to the Graduate School website: <http://www.uga.edu/gradschool/financial/>

Please note: TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS are assigned by the Department Head and RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS are controlled by the Principal Investigator.

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## Graduate School Policies for Graduate Assistants

### Course Load

Graduate assistants—teaching and research—occupy dual roles; they are both students at the University and temporary student employees of the University. Graduate students holding assistantships that requires from one-third to one-half time service:

- Must register each semester of their assistantship for 3 credits of XXXX 7005 (master students) or XXXX 9005 (doctoral students), which corresponds to assistantship hours. These courses may not be used to satisfy a student's approved program of study, and should not be included in the Program of Study.
- Must register for a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester (which may include XXXX 7005/9005).
- May enroll up to a maximum course load of 18 semester hours (which may include XXXX 7005/9005). Only in exceptional cases students may exceed the maximum course load, but they must obtain written approval from their Major Professor and the Dean of the Graduate School. The Department Head or the Department Graduate Coordinator may sign the overload request in the absence of the student's Major Professor. Courses audited are not counted when considering maximum and minimum course load requirements.
- Must register for a minimum of 9 credit hours during the summer semester (which may include XXXX 7005/9005), if they are on an assistantship during the summer. Graduate assistants who do not receive a stipend during the summer, but opt to register and receive the reduced tuition, must register for a minimum of 3 credit hours. Summer semester rules for maximum load for an 8-week summer session is 18 hours.

### Reduced Tuition

To be eligible to pay a reduced tuition, holders of assistantships must (1) be hired for at least 13 hours per week, and (2) be paid at the approved rate for graduate assistants in the particular school or college in which they are employed.

### Mandatory Health Insurance

A student health insurance policy is available for all UGA students; however, the following groups of UGA students will be REQUIRED to have health insurance that meets the minimums (below):

- Undergraduate and Graduate International Students holding "F" or "J" visa status.
- Undergraduate and Graduate Students enrolled in programs that require proof of health insurance.
- Graduate Students receiving Qualified Graduate Assistantships.
- Graduate Students receiving Qualified Fellowships.
- Graduate Students receiving Qualified Training Grants.

Visit <http://www.uhs.uga.edu/insurance/> for more information regarding policies and coverage.

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### Waiver of In-State Tuition

## Regents' Out-of-State Tuition Waiver (ROOST)

Every year, the Graduate Coordinator can nominate students for the Regents' Out-of-State Tuition Waiver (ROOST). ROOST is a competitive application for out-of-state tuition waiver for non-Georgia residents. International and national students are eligible through the same application process. Students who receive this waiver must still pay in-state tuition.

Requirements: To be eligible to be nominated, students:

1. must agree to register for at least 12 credits for fall and for spring,
2. cannot have an Incomplete or Unsatisfactory grade in courses taken at UGA,
3. have a minimum 3.5 graduate GPA and/or 3.3 undergraduate GPA,
4. have a combined GRE of 1100 or higher,
5. cannot have an assistantship.

Current students and newly accepted students who are non-Georgia residents and international students are eligible. Because the Graduate Coordinator can only nominate 5% of students, new students who would like to be considered for ROOST must indicate a strong commitment to attend UGA.

Application: Only the Graduate Coordinator can submit nominations for ROOST. The application is done once per year, and the deadline is generally by the end of April. (The deadline is set by the Graduate School.)

- Current students: the Graduate Coordinator will send an email in mid-April requesting nominations.
- New students: If you have been accepted for Fall 2008, please complete the attached form and email it to the Graduate Coordinator. [LINK]

## Doctoral Candidates

All doctoral students who have completed their course requirements and have been admitted to candidacy will automatically pay in-state tuition.

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## International Students

Check the following sites for scholarships and tuition waivers. Be sure that you are eligible to apply for any of these programs / scholarships **before** submitting your applications.

1. Information from [Intercultural Affairs at UGA](#).
2. Information from the [University System of Georgia](#).
3. International Student Life has a list of scholarships specifically for international students in our office. Application deadlines vary and each scholarship / award program has its own set of criteria. Interested students may contact ISL for more information about this list.
4. The [Office of International Education](#) (OIE) has a special *Out-of-State-Tuition Waiver Program* which allows international students to pay only in-state tuition.
  - a. This is not a scholarship and there are specific criteria that a student must meet in order to obtain that waiver.
  - b. Typically, students will not receive the waiver until after they have studied at UGA for two years.
  - c. Additionally, there may be limitations regarding how many times a student has access to this waiver.
  - d. Contact OIE for more information.

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## **Assistantships for New Students**

### **Graduate School Assistantship**

#### **MPH Students.**

The Graduate School provides three Graduate School Assistantships for MPH students. Each assistantship is for one year, renewable for a second year. Thus, each year the MPH Committee offers this assistantship to 1 or 2 new incoming MPH students based on the application. Students cannot apply or nominate themselves for this assistantship. This assistantship provides funding for 9 months at 1/3 time (13 hours per week).

#### **All other degrees.**

Graduate School Assistantships are awarded each year on a competitive basis following a highly qualified student's nomination by their major department or school. Each nominee is evaluated by a faculty panel. Selections are based on the applicant's academic record, test scores, recommendations, and other pertinent information. The Graduate School Assistantship is awarded for the first two years of a student's academic study (including the first summer). Recipients of these assistantships must be fully admitted to the Graduate School in a degree seeking status. Students must continue to be a full-time student taking at least 12 hours of credit per semester.

Assistantship stipends for Graduate School awards are \$1,333 per month for a master's student and \$1,500 per month for a doctoral student holding a master's degree. These awards are made for the first 21 months of graduate studies. These awards are referred to as 40% assistantships and require a 16 hour per week work commitment. The duties of the assistantship are determined by the individual department and the department's graduate coordinator can supply more specific information. The total annual benefit to the student is equivalent to their annual stipend plus a tuition waiver of \$1,946 (resident) or \$6,680 (non-resident) per semester. The student pays a reduced tuition of just \$25 per semester and an activity fee of \$536 per semester. Considering the stipend, savings and the required payments, the effective total annual benefit of the award for a master's student is \$20,659 (resident) or \$34,861 (non-resident) per year, whereas, the doctoral student benefit will be \$22,659 (resident) and \$36,861 (non-resident) per year. Recipients of these Graduate School Assistantships are eligible to receive supplemental stipends from their departments. The combination of the Graduate School Assistantship and departmental supplement cannot exceed 20 hours of work per week.

#### Requirements:

- Be an incoming graduate student.
- Have an exceptional application (GRE: above 1300; GPA above 3.5; other qualifications)
- Be nominated by the Graduate Coordinator.

#### Application:

Applications for 2008-2009 are due mid February 2008.

### **Graduate Recruitment Opportunities (GRO) Assistantship**

The GRO Assistantship is designed to include any entering graduate student who is considered first generation, educationally or economically disadvantaged, or has some aspects of a uniquely diverse background that adds to their discipline of study.

Nomination for the GRO Assistantship is determined by the departmental admission process and is forwarded to the Graduate School for consideration.

Application:

Applications for 2008-2009 are due mid February 2008.

### **Presidential Graduate Fellows Program**

This prestigious, highly competitive award began in 2000 with the intent of recruiting exceptionally qualified students to our doctoral programs. The nominations for this award are presented to the Graduate School by individual departments in early February. This award is guaranteed for five years of support for students entering with a bachelor's degree and three years of support for student's entering with a masters degree contingent on satisfactory performance and progress toward degree completion. A maximum of twelve awards are made annually.

The annual stipend for the Presidential Graduate Fellow is \$24,000 per year with a reduced matriculation fee of just \$25 per semester and an activity fee of \$536 per semester. The student must be fully engaged in graduate studies and may not hold any other employment. Only citizens and legal permanent residents of the United States are eligible to receive this award.

In addition to being engaged in research and graduate studies on a full-time basis (12 months), each recipient is expected to participate in special activities which are designed to enhance their professional development. Such activities include (1) the participation in a monthly discussion group with other Fellows and selected faculty members to discuss issues that add value to the University and the student's education and (2) to provide mentorship to selected undergraduates involved in research activities under the Center of Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO) program.

Application:

Applications for 2008-2009 are due February 1, 2008.

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### **Doctoral Students: Dissertation Completion Assistantships**

Doctoral Research Assistantships are awarded each year on a competitive basis following a highly qualified student's nomination by their major department or school. Each nominee is evaluated by a faculty panel. The Doctoral Research Assistantships are available to doctoral students in their final year of study. These assistantships allow the student to devote time to the completion of their dissertation. At the completion of the assistantship award, the student is expected to have finished the dissertation and graduated.

The assistantship stipend for 2006-2007 was \$15,000. In addition, students holding this assistantship pay a reduced matriculation fee of \$25 per semester.

Requirements:

- Be a PhD or DrPH candidate (students who have completed all required coursework and have been accepted to candidacy)
- Plan to complete doctoral dissertation within 1 year.
- Must be nominated by the department. Only 5% of students can be nominated.

Application:

- Applications for 2008-2009 are due March 15, 2008.

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## Health Promotion and Behavior

### Teaching Assistantships

The Department of Health Promotion and Behavior offers several teaching assistantship (TAs). TAs typically teach one undergraduate course per semester under the supervision of a faculty member and will assist the department or faculty with instructional support.

#### Requirements:

- Be a doctoral student in Health Promotion or MPH student with a concentration in Health Promotion with at least 18 credits of graduate education.
- Agree to teach one course in the fall and one in the spring semesters.
- Attend Graduate School TA orientation.
- Attend regular supervision meetings.
- Abide by the Graduate School Policies for Graduate Assistants.

#### Application:

- Applications for 2008-2009 are due March 15, 2008.
- Email your vita, along with a brief email statement indicating that you are interested in applying for a TA position, to Dr. Marsha Davis. Indicate in your vita your interest in being a TA, the number of graduated credits completed, and any teaching experience. Save your vita as follows: LASTNAME-Vita-TA-2008-2009 (e.g., JONES-vita-TA-2008-2009.doc).

### Research Assistantships

**Workplace Health:** None available now.

**Healthy Teens:** None available now.

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## Environmental Health Science

### Teaching Assistantships

The Department of Environmental Health Science offers Teaching Assistantships (TA) and Graduate Laboratory Assistantships (GLAs). TAs and GLAs are awarded for one semester. The TA will teach two 1-hour undergraduate seminars (EHSC 2020, Orientation to EHS and EHSC 3800, Environmental Health Seminar) per semester. The GLA will teach one undergraduate laboratory course under the supervision of a faculty member. Laboratory courses are:

- EHSC 4100L/6100L, Industrial Hygiene (offered every fall semester);
- EHSC 4310L/6310L, Environmental Microbiology (offered every spring semester);
- EHSC 4350L/6350L, Environmental Chemistry (offered even-numbered fall semesters);
- EHSC 8220L, Predictive Toxicology Using Mathematical Models (offered even-numbered spring semesters).

#### Requirements:

- Be a PhD, DrPH, MS or MPH student in Environmental Health Science with at least 18 credits of graduate education.
- Attend Graduate School TA orientation.
- Attend regular supervision meetings.
- Abide by the Graduate School Policies for Graduate Assistants.

Application:

- Applications for 2008-2009 are due March 15, 2008.
- Email your vita, along with a brief email statement indicating that you are interested in applying for a TA position, to Dr. Luke Naeher. Indicate in your vita your interest in being a TA, the number of graduated credits completed, and any teaching experience.

### **Research Assistantships**

Please contact individual EHS faculty regarding the availability of research assistantships.

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### **Scholarship Opportunities**

Check: <http://www.uga.edu/ica/otherscholarships.html> for a list of scholarships

### **Scholarship Search Engines**

**Scholarships open to:**

**All Students**

**Multicultural/Underrepresented Students**

**Hispanic/Latino Students**

**African American Students**

**American Indian Students**

**Asian American Students**

**Migrant or Immigrant Students**

**Other Opportunities:**

**Study Abroad Scholarships**