



OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES  
THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN OSHKOSH  
Graduate Assistantships – Academic Year 2010-11 (Revised July 2010)

- Definition:** Graduate Assistantships are work-based financial support awards. The award recipients are often referred to as "research assistants."
- Function:** Graduate Assistants work in their academic field or in a closely related area. Functions include laboratory assistance, research, tutoring, proctoring, and other programmatic/academic oriented work. Teaching and/or secretarial activity is not included in this description.
- Eligibility:** All students who have been admitted in full standing to a degree-producing program are eligible. Employment may not begin until the semester for which the graduate student is accepted into the degree-producing program. Recipients must enroll in at least six (6) graduate credits and must remain in good academic standing. Financial need is not a consideration in the selection process. Competition is quite keen for these awards.
- Employment:** Recipients are contracted, salaried employees and are employed for up to a maximum of 20 hours/week. The period of employment is a 17-week semester, or a 34-week academic year. Graduate Assistantships are generally not available during the summer session. Common contracts are for .50 FTE, .375 FTE, .3375 FTE, and .25 FTE.
- A Graduate Assistant is an employee of the University, and his/her salary is taxable. For Graduate Assistants who work at least .3375 FTE or more for at least one semester, fringe benefits are available. Fringe benefits include health insurance, dental insurance, and a death benefit at minimal cost to the graduate student. Nonresident Graduate Assistants qualify for nonresident tuition waivers if their contract is for .3375 FTE (33% of full-time) or more.
- Employment as a Graduate Assistant may be contingent upon the successful outcome of a criminal background check. A Graduate Assistant may not begin employment until this background check has been completed. In compliance with the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act, the University does not discriminate on the basis of arrest or conviction record.
- Stipend:** Current (approximate) academic year stipends are .50 FTE--\$10,217; .375 FTE--\$7,663; .3375 FTE--\$6,896; .25 FTE--\$5,108.
- Application Priority Dates:** March 15th, April 15th, May 15th, June 15th, August 15th, September 15th for Fall Semester, and January 1st for Spring Semester (see note)
- For More Information:** The application form is available on the Graduate Studies web site at [http://www.uwosh.edu/gradstudies/forms\\_pubs/index.php](http://www.uwosh.edu/gradstudies/forms_pubs/index.php)
- Or contact:  
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**Note:** Early applications are encouraged as all available positions may be filled by the April 15th priority date. The priority dates are established to provide clear cut-off dates for the recipient of applications.. Depending upon the availability of funding and the number of applications received by the priority dates, decisions will be made on awards. All applications will remain in the pool until all available positions have been allocated. Applicants are advised that their names and addresses may be released within two working days of the priority date.