Graduate Teaching Assistantships

Graduate teaching assistantships (GTAs) provide opportunities for Ph.D. Counseling students to engage in undergraduate teaching opportunities, research projects, and/or administrative tasks to help them prepare for future careers in counselor education or leadership. More specifically, GTAs teach one undergraduate Human Services course or a course in a related field per semester as instructor of record and serve as research, editorial, and/or administrative assistants to various faculty members.

GTAs are competitive and available on a limited basis; those who receive a GTA are guaranteed funding for the first two years <u>pending adequate performance</u>. Those receiving out-of-state tuition waivers are expected to take necessary steps toward in-state status within their first year. Oftentimes, GTAs are available for a third year for those with financial need. GTAs are not to work outside of the position, as the funding is intended to support an immersive, full-time academic experience at ODU.

GTAs are evaluated annually to determine ongoing support. It is possible that assignments will vary each year to help meet student and department needs.

Stipend	
Credits	
Tuition	
Hours	

YR	Fall	Spring	Summer
20,000	6,667.00	6,667.00	6,666.00
24	9.00	9.00	6.00
100%	100%	100%	100%
60 Hours	20	20	20

Insurance

None - students pay a health fee as part of their tuition fees for use of the student health center.

International - mandatory and is part of their tuition (not covered by tuition waiver though) - \$ 113 a month

Applications for GTAs are available at the time of doctoral interviews in the spring semester.

To remain eligible for a GTA, students maintain a grade point average of a 3.0 or higher. Incompletes are not acceptable and are grounds for termination. Assistantships will be immediately terminated for students who do not maintain the 3.00 grade point average. International graduate students must contact the office of ISSS to determine your eligibility and the number of credit hours required to be enrolled in each semester.

Graduate Research Assistantships

Graduate research assistantships (GRAs) are available to MSEd and EdS Counseling students. These positions offer students an opportunity to assist with teaching, research, and/or administrative tasks. GRAs receive \$9000 per academic year with no tuition waiver. Students are required to maintain full-time status. GRAs are announced periodically throughout the year to degree-seeking students; these are awarded quickly once they become available.

To remain eligible for a GRA, students maintain a grade point average of a 3.0 or higher. Incompletes are not acceptable and are grounds for termination. Assistantships will be immediately terminated for students who do not maintain the 3.00 grade point average. International graduate students must contact the office of ISSS to determine your eligibility and the number of credit hours required to be enrolled in each semester.

If you have questions about GTA and GRA positions, please contact the Department Chair.