

Additional Information on Graduate Assistantships

More information can be obtained from <http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/funding/assistantships.html>.

Required Teaching Assistantship Courses

As a condition of employment, all GTAs, DTA, GIAs, and DIAs must complete a total of three hours of professional development course work. CS 5300/CS 7309 will be offered each fall semester. Graduate assistants must take this course in the first year of employment. Up to a total of three semester hours may be used with other graduate courses to satisfy the minimum nine semester hours of enrollment required as a condition of employment. The university administration will cover the fees and tuition for the required teaching assistantship course (up to a total of three semester credit hours only).

Course Load

The minimum course load required during a fall/spring term of employment is nine graduate semester hours. Students who enrolled in nine graduate semester hours during the previous spring and fall terms are not required to enroll during the summer; otherwise, enrollment in three graduate hours is required for the summer term. Assistants taking more than 12 graduate semester hours during the fall/spring terms must have approval from the dean of The Graduate College. Similarly, assistants taking more than six graduate semester hours per summer session must have approval from the dean of The Graduate College.

Allowable Work Hours

During the fall and spring terms, assistants may work up to 50% full-time equivalent, or FTE, of 20 hours per week. Exception requests for employment over 50 percent FTE are only approved under the most exceptional circumstances by the graduate dean.

Academic Eligibility

To see the full list of academic and enrollment requirements needed to be eligible for an assistantship position, please view [The Graduate College's guide](#).

Salaries and Benefits

Assistants are paid in accordance with the following [student employee pay schedule](#).

In-state Tuition Eligibility

Certain assistantship types may qualify for tuition waivers through Student Business Services. For more details, please refer to the [tuition waivers and exceptions](#) list.

Health Insurance

Assistants, employed at least half-time (50% FTE) for a minimum period of four and one-half consecutive months, are eligible for employer group insurance plans administered by Human Resources. Assistants are able to make a choice between the [Student Health Insurance Plan](#) administered by the [Student Health Center](#) and the [Employer Group Insurance Program](#) administered by [Human Resources](#). Also, some assistants may already be covered by insurance outside the university and, therefore, may choose not to enroll in a health insurance option offered by Texas State. Assistants should refer to HR's [comparison summary](#) in order to make an educated decision.