Financial Support and Assistance

Financial support can be offered as a graduate assistantship or fellowship. An assistantship is a salaried position that requires the student to support a faculty member in research and/or teaching. Standard assistantships require a time commitment ranging from 10 hours to 13.5 hours per week. A fellowship is a salaried position that does not have a work requirement. A fellowship allows a student to devote more time to research activities.

Applications for graduate assistantships and fellowships are made by submitting the Fellowship/Assistantship Application to the department. This form is due February 1. The host department will identify qualified applicants and compete for resources at the College and University level. Historically, fellowship winners have had a high GPA (3.75 or above on a 4-point scale), outstanding test scores (680+ on the GMAT or a combined score of 1410+ on the verbal and quantitative portions of the GRE), and evidence of research potential.

The retention of assistantships and fellowships is predicated on satisfactory academic progress as well as satisfactory performance of assigned tasks. The Department does not guarantee continuous funding for graduate students, nor any minimum number of semesters of aid. Most assistantships and fellowships, however, are extended for a duration of four years. Students holding at least quarter-time graduate assistantships or fellowships paying at least $3,150 per semester are eligible for in-state or out-of-state tuition waivers up to the minimum credits required for full-time enrollment. Tuition waivers for each semester will be granted to qualifying assistants and fellows, provided they maintain a 3.0 GPA and are employed on or before the first day of classes through the end of final exams. Tuition waivers do not cover fees associated with registration (approximately $400 per semester).

Tuition and Expenses

Visit the UF Admissions Office web site at http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/

Fellowships and Assistantships

Graduate Assistantships provide opportunities for graduate students to work on a part-time basis under the supervision of one or more faculty members in duties related to instruction, research, or professional service. Students who hold graduate assistantships are required to enroll for a minimum number of credits, corresponding to the amount of their assistantship appointment. Graduate assistantships typically are awarded by the student's academic department depending upon funding availability and program needs. For consideration, an applicant must have submitted all application materials to the department and be eligible for admission. Interested applicants should contact the department to which they have been accepted. A signed Application for Assistantship/Fellowship Form must be submitted to the department. International students must have a F1 or J1 visa to receive an assistantship.

Visit the Office of the Provost web site at http://www.aa.ufl.edu for other sources of Information on Fellowship and Assistantships.

Financial Aid Applications

Visit the Student Financial Affairs web site at http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/ for applications and information concerning educational loans.