

Missouri State University

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

A number of graduate assistantships are made available each year to assist students with expenses while studying for advanced degrees at Missouri State University. Students who are enrolled as non-degree seeking, post baccalaureate or in any other non-graduate degree enrollment classification are ineligible for assistantships.

Benefits – The graduate assistantship provides a student with a minimum of \$8,940 for the 2020-21 academic year (nine months) and, in some departments, a higher stipend is available. A limited number of assistantships are available during the summer. The minimum stipend for the 2021 summer assistantship is \$2,235.

Fee Waiver Scholarships – Students who receive graduate assistantships may also be eligible for limited fee waiver scholarships if their appointment paperwork is received in the Graduate College by September 15 (Fall semester GA) or February 15 (Spring semester GA).

NOTE: Current law prevents students with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) status from receiving scholarships or other types of financial assistance directly from University, state or federal sources. A DACA status student may apply for graduate assistantships, but if selected, would be eligible to receive *only the stipend portion* as long as the student retains a valid work permit. This means the DACA status student would not be awarded the tuition and fee waivers. The current law does not prevent DACA status students from receiving scholarships sponsored by outside agencies or organizations.

Fee waivers are intended to cover graduate courses required for the student's approved program of study. The maximum cumulative credits allowable with fee waiver scholarship assistance will not exceed ten percent beyond the credit-hour requirements of the degree program. Upon review, courses which do not meet this guideline will result in loss of the fee waiver benefit for such courses, or possible future eligibility. Fee waivers will not cover undergraduate classes to enhance a student's preparation for his/her graduate program. Fee waiver scholarships are for up to 15 hours of graduate course work for each of the Fall and Spring semesters. Those receiving Summer term fee waiver scholarships have fee coverage for up to 6 hours of graduate course work. Students appointed on a graduate assistantship during the Spring semester are eligible for a fee waiver scholarship during the following Summer term as long as minimum eligibility requirements are maintained. This eligibility does not depend on having a Summer graduate assistantship. For fee waiver purposes, credit hours taken in the intersession prior to the semester are part of the allowable fee waiver limits of that semester (i.e., 15 hrs limit in Fall, 15 hrs limit in Spring, 6 hrs in Summer). Please see "Fee Waiver Policies" on the Graduate College website for complete details on what the fee waiver does and does not cover.

Eligibility and Requirements – To be eligible for a graduate assistantship, a student must be admitted to a degree program and have at least a 3.00 grade point average on his/her undergraduate cumulative, last 60 hours for first-time graduate students, or graduate cumulative (minimum 9 credit hours). Students who receive an assistantship must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 hours of graduate level course work (600-900 level) during a regular semester. Individual programs or departments may have a higher minimum credit hour requirement.

Availability – Graduate assistantships are offered in both academic and administrative areas. Assistantships provided through academic departments typically involve either teaching or research responsibilities. Assistantships in administrative offices involve a variety of office-specific tasks.

Application – To apply for an assistantship, the student must submit an application directly to the department/office in which an assistantship is sought. It is important to check with the department/office before applying as there may be additional requirements such as letters of recommendation.

Procedures – Once you have been notified by the department or office that you are being offered an assistantship, you should wait to receive confirmation and additional information from the Graduate College. You will receive an award letter and an *Employment Appointment Form*. The *Employment Appointment Form* must be returned to the Graduate College in a timely manner in order to process your fee waiver and to ensure that your paycheck is not delayed.

Appointment Period – Assistantships begin the week prior to classes and continue through that semester. Full graduate assistants work 20 hours per week on average. Specific hours of employment are arranged between the student and the supervisor. Graduate assistants are not eligible to hold any additional on-campus positions other than their graduate assistantships during the time of their appointment.

Some academic departments and campus offices that may offer graduate assistantships
(417) area code applies for all departments

Department	Location *	Phone Number *
Accountancy	Glass 439	836-5414
Agriculture	Karls 201	836-5638
Art and Design	Brick City Building 1 Rm 100	837-2330
Biology (major only)	Temple 221	836-5126
Biomedical Sciences	Professional Building 400	836-5603
Chemistry	Temple 423	836-5506
Communication and Mass Media	Craig 370	836-5218
Communication Sciences and Disorders	Professional Building 237	836-5368
Computer Information Systems	Glass 359	836-4131
Economics	Strong 351	836-5516
College of Education	Hill 304	836-5254
Educational Administration	Park Central Office Building	836-5392
English	Siceluff 215	836-5107
Finance and General Business	Glass 300	836-5504
Fruit Science	Mountain Grove Campus	926-4105
Geography, Geology, and Planning	Temple 363	836-5800
Greenwood Lab School	GLAB 4	836-5021
Guidance and Counseling	Park Central Office Building	836-5449
Health, PE , and Recreation	McDonald Arena 103	836-5370
History	Strong 410	836-5511
Industrial Management	Glass 200	836-5121
Management	Glass 414	836-5415
Marketing and Quantity Analysis	Glass 238	836-5413
Mathematics	Cheek 10M	836-5112
Media, Journalism, and Film	Craig 370	836-5218
Music	Ellis 206	836-5648
Nursing	Professional Building 300	836-5310
Physics, Astronomy, and Material Science	Kemper 101	836-5131
Political Science	Strong 307	836-5630
Psychology (major only)	Hill 109	836-5797
Religious Studies	Strong 251	836-5514
Social Work	Pummill 301	836-6953
Sociology and Anthropology	Strong 451	836-5640
Teacher Education	Hill 207	836-6769
Technology	Glass 200	836-5121
Theatre and Dance	Craig 355	836-5268
University College	University Hall 115	836-5872

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Offices	Location *	Phone Number *
Academic Affairs	Carrington 209	836-4589
Academic Athletic Assistant Program	Forsythe Athletics Center 243	836-6829
Alumni Relations	Alumni Center 100 – Kenneth E. Meyer	836-5654
Assessment/Instructional Support	Carrington 104	836-6300
Business Advisement	Glass 106	836-5386
Campus Recreation	Plaster Student Union 131	836-5334
Career Services	Carrington 309	836-5636
Community & Social Issues Institute	ALUM 402	836-6660
Counseling and Testing Center	Carrington 311	836-5116
Dean of Students	Plaster Student Union 405	836-5527
Development Office	Alumni Center 100 – Kenneth E. Meyer	836-4143
Disability Support Services	Plaster Student Union 405	836-4192
English Language Institute	MCCE 200	836-6540
Environmental Management	STMA	836-8334
The Extended Campus	ALUM 402	836-4127
Financial Aid	Carrington 101	836-5262
Financial Services	Carrington 119, 113, 424	836-5632
Graduate College	Carrington 306	836-5335
Hammons Student Center	Hammons Student Center 324	836-5240
Health Ed & Wellness (Taylor)	Taylor Health and Wellness Center	836-4040
Human Resources	Carrington 118	836-5102
Institutional Research	Carrington 422	836-5274
Learning Diagnostic Center	Alumni Center 502 – Kenneth E. Meyer	836-4787
Library	Duane G. Meyer Library	836-4525
Management Development Institute	Glass 113	836-5667
Men's Athletics	Hammons Student Center	836-5244
Missouri State University Foundation	Alumni Center 100 – Kenneth E. Meyer	836-4143
Multicultural Student Services	Carrington 302	836-6618
Online and Instructional Tech	LIB 204C	836-7619
Project ACCESS	Hill 205B	836-6755
Publications	Alumni Center 600 – Kenneth E. Meyer	836-4142
Residence Life and Services	Hammons House 104	836-5536
Scientific Research, Center for	Levy 2nd Floor, Missouri Virtual School	836-4743
Small Business Development Center	Glass 113	836-5685
Sponsored Research	Carrington 407	836-5972
Sports Information	Hammons Student Center 138	836-5402
Student Activities/Greek Affairs	Plaster Student Union 101	836-4386
Student Employment	Blair Shannon 113	836-5627
Student Success	University Hall 205	836-8343
Student Union	Plaster Student Union	836-5886
TRIO Student Support Services	Meyer Library	836-6220
University College	University Hall 115	836-5872
University Communications	Alumni Center 600 – Kenneth E. Meyer	836-6397
Women's Athletics	Hammons Student Center	836-5246
Writing Center	Duane E. Meyer Library	836-6398

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