FSU-5.002 Teaching, Research and Graduate Assistants

(1) All Graduate Assistants must be admitted to and meet the requirements of the Graduate School, be fully admitted to a graduate degree program, and be under the supervision of an appropriate graduate faculty member. Teaching and research are an integral part of the requirement of obtaining a graduate degree at Florida State University. Because of this, the primary relationship with the University for Graduate Assistants receiving a stipend for degree-related work is one of being a student. Graduate Assistant appointments must comply with University policies, appointment requirements, and the UFF-FSU-GAU Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).

(2) Graduate students appointed as Graduate Assistants are selected by academic departments for duties connected with instruction, research, or professional activities of mutual benefit to the University and the student. Only students with regular graduate student status are eligible for graduate assistantships. “Special” and provisional students are ineligible. Application for a graduate assistantship should be made to the chairman of the major department. The stipend paid to a Graduate Assistant varies, depending upon the FTE amount of service rendered, the nature of the service, and the qualifications of the student, but must at least meet the minimum stipend specified in the CBA. Stipends for half-time graduate assistants begin at $277 per month. Applications will be accepted at any time. Graduate Assistants, one-third time or more, may be eligible for a waiver of the out-of-state tuition fees, but must pay the full registration fee according to the hours carried. Graduate assistant stipends for service are normally subject to federal income tax. Teaching assistants classified as part-time faculty must also pay the full registration fee according to the hours carried.

(3) A new student whose application for an assistantship is under consideration must also complete an application for admission through the Office of Graduate Admissions in the usual manner.

(4) To remain eligible for an assistantship, a student must discharge his assigned duties satisfactorily as determined by the supervisor and achieve a grade of “B” in at least one-half of the course work carried each quarter. No A graduate student with less than a 3.0 cumulative grade point average is not allowed to be continued more than one (1) semester as a Graduate teaching Assistant. All teaching assistants with full responsibility for a course must have either a baccalaureate degree and two (2) years of teaching experience or a master’s degree.

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