FELLOWSHIPS, ASSISTANTSHIPS, TRAINEESHIPS, STIPENDS, AND GRANTS

Students who wish to be considered for fellowships must follow the guidelines for the specific fellowship as well as application deadlines for their program. Graduate Teaching and Research Assistantships are awarded by departments/programs.

Application for fellowships and assistantships is normally made by completing the appropriate section on the application form. No separate form is required except where indicated in the descriptions below.

Tuition scholarships accompanying Graduate Teaching, College, Research, and Student Affairs Assistantships do not cover audits or physical education activity courses, nor do they cover courses numbered below 200 or 200-level courses not approved for graduate credit, except upon prior approval of the Dean of the Graduate College.

Students are responsible for paying all mandatory fees—currently $1,028 per semester.

GRADUATE TEACHING AND/OR RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

Graduate Teaching and/or Research assistantships are awarded through many of the departments and programs offering graduate work; Graduate Research Assistantships are also available when a faculty member receives a grant from a source external to the university. For AY 2022-23, 9-month appointments have minimum stipends of $17,852 for master’s and $22,244 for doctoral students; 12-month appointments have minimum stipends of $23,802 for master’s and $29,658 for doctoral students. Some programs have stipends higher than the minimum.

Graduate Teaching, Research or Research/Teaching assistants must maintain full time enrollment of a minimum of nine credits (or GRAD 903) per semester. In addition to the stipend, the assistantship award includes payment for the Single Student Health Insurance Premium and a tuition scholarship for up nine credits per semester (and up to 5 credits in summer if on a 12-month assistantship) during the period of the assistantship. University comprehensive fees and a Graduate Student Senate fee are the responsibility of the student.

Approximately 20 hours of research and/or teaching effort per week is required of Graduate Teaching, Research or Research/Teaching assistants, and assistants must expect that more than one academic year will be necessary to complete the requirements for the master’s degree. If a Teaching or Research/Teaching assistant is a candidate for the doctoral degree, at least four calendar years must be anticipated for completion of the academic program. Generally, assistants are appointed in the departments in which they are doing graduate work.

THE UNIVERSITY AND THE DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

Graduate Administrative Assistantships are awarded through the Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration (HESA) MEd program and other graduate programs across campus. Graduate students who hold these assistantships gain valuable administrative, advising or program development experience in an area related to their program of study. Each HESA Graduate Administrative Assistantship is designed to provide graduate students with a professional opportunity to support and develop UVM’s goals and activities through its work with students. Prioritizing holistic learning across curricular, co-curricular, and professional engagements, these Graduate Administrative Assistantship positions are located across various university departments to support student success initiatives and foreground equity within these professional roles.

Stipend, benefits, enrollment requirements and effort expectation are are the same as those for Graduate Research or Teaching Assistants.

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS/TRAINEESHIPS

Graduate Fellowships/Traineeships are available in some departments through grants from various state and federal agencies. Fellowships/Traineeships may include a stipend, tuition scholarship and payment of the Single Student Health Insurance premium.

TRAVEL MINI-GRANTS

The Graduate College provides mini-travel grants to help students underwrite the cost of attending conferences where they will present papers or posters based upon their research. The Mini-Grants Program is administered by the Graduate Student Senate. Funds are awarded three times per year. The student’s home department must provide a match. Further information on the Mini-Grants Program is available at the GSS website.

SMALL GRANTS FOR RESEARCH SUPPORT

The Graduate College has funds for small awards (up to $750) to graduate students to support their thesis or dissertation research. These awards are limited to students in programs where extramural support is typically not available and resources from their program or academic college/school are not available.

OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships established by private donors or through departmental resources are available periodically in some departments. Please check the website for the program in which you are interested for this information. In addition, the Graduate College has several awards for students in specific disciplines. Please see the Student Awards page on the Graduate College Website for further information.