

Graduate Assistantship Information for Master's Students

The Graduate School offers over 400 assistantships for degree seeking graduate students who are interested in an opportunity to fund their graduate education while gaining experience that directly complements the students' degree program curriculum and/or career aspirations.

Categories of Assistantships:

- **Research**-graduate students will be appointed to a faculty member to work on grant research, perform literature reviews, conduct studies and other research related tasks.
- **Teaching/Instructional Support**-these students will work alongside a faculty member and may assist with teaching, grading, holding office hours, teaching labs, attendance and other instructional duties.
- **Administrative**-these positions are in other academic areas not covered by research or teaching. This may include editing a journal, working with faculty on student outreach, expanding an academic program, enrollment, or creating graduate student initiatives.

Assistants must:

- Be fully matriculated in a graduate degree program at Montclair State University.
- Maintain at least a 3.0 during each semester of the assistantship.
- Fulfill a designated amount of work hours per week, as indicated in the official offer letter you receive from The Graduate School.
- Be enrolled in 9 credits per semester for a full assistantship, 6 credits per semester for a partial assistantship.

Terms of the Assistantship:

- Most are 10 months: September 1 through June 30.
- A small number are for the academic year: September 1 through the end of the Spring semester (ending approximately May 18 each year.) This is used primarily for GAs who are providing Instructional Support.
- Partial year appointments may be made to fill vacancies.
- Master level students may be appointed a maximum of 4 semesters or 2 years (this does not include winter or summer terms).

Remuneration:

- Full/Primary/10 Months: \$7,000 stipend, 24 credits of tuition remission, 20 WSH*
- Full/Special/ 10 Months: \$7,000 stipend, 18 credits of tuition remission, 20 WSH
- Full/Primary/ Fall-Spring semesters: \$6,000 stipend, 24 credits of tuition remission, 20 WSH
- Full/Special/ Fall-Spring semesters: \$6,000 stipend, 18 credits of tuition remission, 20 WSH
- Partial/Primary/10 Months: \$3,500 stipend, 12 credits of tuition remission, 10 WSH
- Partial/Special/ 10 Months: \$3,500 stipend, 9 credits of tuition remission, 10 WSH
- Partial/Primary/ Fall-Spring semesters: \$3,000 stipend, 12 credits of tuition remission, 10 WSH
- Partial/Special/ Fall-Spring semesters \$3,000 stipend, 9 credits, 10 WSH

*Weekly Service Hours are the number of hours you must give to your department/supervisor each week. If the number of WSH is 10, it *may* be possible to hold another on campus job along with your assistantship. Approval must be received from The Graduate School before your other position begins. If your WSH is 20, you will not be able to work any other on campus position.

Assistantships are NOT available to students:

- Seeking any type of certificate or certification only
- Completing their second semester of in-service supervised training as an M.A.T. student (Clinical Practice 2.)
- Maintaining a non-degree status
- With a conditional or deferred admission/matriculation to The Graduate School (one exception: students who have not yet received the results of a Praxis exam and have a deferred admission status.)
- Who have an undergraduate GPA lower than 3.0 for master's students

To apply: When completing your online admissions application, you will be given the opportunity to indicate your interest in being considered for an assistantship. If you have already submitted your application and did not indicate interest, but would like to be considered, please e-mail graduate.school@montclair.edu with your full name, CWID, program of study, and semester that you would like to be considered for an assistantship.

Please note that simply applying for an assistantship does not guarantee that one will be awarded. These positions are highly competitive and will undergo a rigorous review and approval process.

For an outline on the appointment process and other information, please visit our website:

<https://www.montclair.edu/graduate/current-students/grad-assistantships/>

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