# Financial Opportunities for Graduate Students

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### What type of assistance do you offer?

The Graduate Assistantship Program

Scholarships

Foundation Award

Employment Opportunities on Campus



## What is the Assistantship Program?

- Academic experience complimentary to degree program
- Enhance student experience and support academic goals
- Collaborate with students, faculty, and staff
- Weekly service hours to a University Unit in exchange for a commensurate compensation package
- Graduate students who formerly held an assistantship are not eligible for another assistantship.
- 1 in 11 doctoral or graduate students



### What would an Assistantship look like?

- Assignments
  - Instructional support
  - Research
  - Fieldwork
  - Administrative or Educational Support

- Contract Terms
  - Normally full year
    (September May or
    September June)
  - One semester if
    available
- Compensation may include
  - Stipend
  - Tuition and fees MONTCLAIR STATE

## Am I Eligible for an Assistantship?

- Fully matriculated in a degree program (you need an admissions decision!)
- Minimum incoming or current GPA
  - Masters: 3.0
  - Doctoral: 3.2
- Assistantships are NOT available to students:
  - Seeking a certificate or certification only
  - Who are student teaching
  - Maintaining a non-degree status
  - In an online-only program



## How do I apply for an Assistantship?

- Upon initial application for your degree program
  - Within the application for admissions
- After initial application for your degree program
  - <u>If you had indicated interest</u> upon initial application but didn't receive an assistantship your first semester.
  - If you had not indicated interest upon initial application but change your mind.
  - Via e-mail to <u>gradschool@montclair.edu</u>
  - Include your CWID & semester for consideration



## Does an Assistantship impact other funding eligibility?

- On-campus employment
- University Foundation scholarships/awards
- Financial Aid
  - FA considers the value of tuition and fee remission when determining eligibility for aid
  - Acceptance of an assistantship may impact award



#### When and how will I know?

- Supervisors begin looking to fill openings in late October for Spring openings and in April for Fall.
- Each department handles their own interviewing and selection of students
- Departments submit recommendations to TGS
- The Graduate School handles the hiring
- No offer is official unless/until you receive a formal offer letter and contract from TGS
- TGS's official form of communication is e-mail



### Scholarship Opportunities through The Graduate School

- MA Counseling concentration in Addictions –
  Addiction Workforce Promotion Scholarship
- Doctoral students enrolled in Dissertation
  Advisement Albert Wang Dissertation Award
- MBA students in Marketing Robert J.
  Lieberman Advertising Graduate Scholarship



## Other Scholarships

- Departments offer Scholarships
- Search Engines
- Visit our <u>Scholarship</u> page



### **On-Campus Employment**

- The Graduate School
  - Will advertise job opportunities for on campus positions
  - Email all graduate students with opportunities
  - List positions on <u>Graduate Student Resources</u> page
- Many opportunities in <u>Hire a Red Hawk</u>
  - Jobs and internships
  - Career Counseling
  - Resume Review
  - Network with recruiters
- Residence Life
  - Has a list of positions for Graduate Students
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