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
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
  ▫ If you had indicated interest 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 gradschool@montclair.edu
  ▫ 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 Scholarship page
On-Campus Employment

• The Graduate School
  ▫ Will advertise job opportunities for on campus positions
  ▫ Email all graduate students with opportunities
  ▫ List positions on Graduate Student Resources page

• Many opportunities in Hire a Red Hawk
  ▫ Jobs and internships
  ▫ Career Counseling
  ▫ Resume Review
  ▫ Network with recruiters

• Residence Life
  ▫ Has a list of positions for Graduate Students
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