

### **3359-60-06.6 Graduate student assistantships.**

#### **(A) Financial assistance.**

- (1) The office of academic affairs (OAA) and/or the graduate school award teaching and research assistantships to qualified graduate students to render service to the university through undergraduate teaching and research, respectively. OAA/graduate school funded assistantships are awarded for up to two years of master's study, up to five years of doctoral degree study, and up to five years of master's/doctoral degree study. No student should expect to receive a university funded teaching or research assistantship for more than five years. Individual university units may fully fund and award administrative graduate assistantships to perform other duties. For information and/or applications, the student should contact the head of the department. Tuition scholarships are also available on a limited basis in some departments.
- (2) Section 3345.281 of the Revised Code requires that each state university establish a program to assess oral English language proficiency of teaching assistants providing classroom instruction to students. The university of Akron has adopted such a program, to ensure that students are not appointed as teaching assistants until they document oral proficiency in the English language. For further information with regard to this program, applicants are advised to contact the graduate school of the university of Akron.
- (3) Fellowships sponsored by external entities may impact assistantship eligibility, the number of hours a student can work on an assistantship, and/or the level of financial assistance a student is eligible to receive. Information on fellowships can be obtained from the department head.
- (4) Financial assistance through graduate assistantships may impact the level of financial aid eligibility. Information about student loans and other forms of financial aid can be obtained from the office of student financial aid.

#### **(B) Remission for tuition and fees.**

The university shall provide remission for graduate tuition and non-resident surcharge, for up to the amount or number of credits stated on the assistantship contract during each semester of award period. Remission is not provided for audited courses, undergraduate courses, graduate courses not required for the graduate degree, repeated courses, or any fees.

Teaching and research assistantships (stipend and/or tuition remission) will not be awarded after the fourteenth day of any semester.

#### **(C) Repayment of graduate assistantships upon resignation.**

Recurring payment of an assistantship stipend will stop upon resignation or termination

of an assistantship. The graduate assistantship recipient is not required to repay any tuition remission if they withdraw from all classes at the time of resignation. However, if they continue as an enrolled graduate student at the university of Akron after resignation from the assistantship award, then they must repay the tuition remission based on a percentage of the number of weeks remaining in the semester or summer session.

Examples:

- (1) If the student resigns in the ninth week of a sixteen-week semester, the repayment will be seven-sixteenths or forty-four per cent of the tuition required in that semester.
- (2) If the student resigns in the second week of a five-week summer session, the repayment will be three-fifths or sixty per cent of the tuition required in that summer session.

(D) Important stipulations:

- (1) If the graduate assistantship recipient drops below the minimum required graduate credits at any time during the contract period for services, the assistantship is forfeited.
- (2) No refunds will be made to any student for tuition paid for terms prior to the beginning of the assistantship.

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