



Graduate Assistantships and Financial Aid Awards

CBA Graduate Assistantships

Graduate Assistantship (GA) awards provide a tuition scholarship and stipend for full time students working up to 20 hours per week. The College of Business Administration has a required online GA application which must be submitted each semester for candidates seeking an award. Those students holding a GA award are not required to resubmit the application unless they hold a 10 hour award and are seeking a second 10 hour award.

Visit mba.uakron.edu under **Paying for Graduate School** in the left menu for detailed information on the types of GA awards available and access to the online GA application.

Reference letters submitted for admission may also be used for the GA application.

Application Deadlines:

March 1 for Fall semester – Selections are made in April and May.

November 1 for Spring semester – Selections are made in December.

Applications submitted after these dates may be considered for awards which may become available. Some departments take longer to make decisions and we sometimes have GA resignations.

Selection Process

The CBA Graduate Programs office processes GA applications and provides a list of applicants to CBA departments for review. We also process contracts for awards. Because we do not make the GA selections, we do not meet with students to discuss GA opportunities.

Award recipients are selected by department chairs and institute or program directors based on current openings and departmental needs. An applicant's GMAT (or other score), GPA, prior work experience and undergraduate degree are taken in to consideration when filling positions. If a chair or director would like to meet with you, they will contact you for an interview.

Other departments on campus have been approved by the UA Graduate School to hire CBA students for GA positions. Many hire only one GA and may not need to replace them. These departments are not interested in an influx of requests for awards, but will request our list and contact candidates in whom they have an interest.

There are usually 12-15 applicants for every opening. Many qualified applicants will not receive a GA award by virtue of the sheer volume of applications. Other possible forms of aid should be considered.

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Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships and other opportunities are available. Information on those can be found at mba.uakron.edu in the **Paying for Graduate School** link.

Student Loans

Student Loans are administered by the Office of Student Financial Aid. Visit their website at www.uakron.edu/finaid.

Outside Aid

Students should also research scholarship opportunities related to their field of study on the internet. Professional organizations often have scholarship programs. International students may apply at Fulbright or USAID awards and research governmental scholarships established within their home country for possible additional sources of funding.

Eligibility

Students must have full admission status and be in good academic standing – not on probation- to be eligible for a GA or other aid award provided by the CBA. Provisionally admitted students are not eligible for an award until they achieve full admission status.

GA awards are limited to full-time students admitted to degree granting programs. Some scholarships are available to part-time students.