

Thank you for your interest in VSU's graduate assistantships.

Assistantships are designed to promote the research, teaching, and service responsibilities of the University and to provide students with valuable professional development opportunities while earning a graduate degree.

AND THE BEST NEWS ABOUT OUR ASSISTANTSHIPS - TUITION IS REDUCED TO A FLAT, PER-SEMESTER FEE OF \$38.00!!

Tuition is reduced in the following manner for both in-state and out-of-state students:

- Fall/Spring: A GA will receive a tuition waiver after payment of the first \$38 in tuition each semester for a total of up to 15 credit hours. Any additional credits taken will be charged at the in-state rate.
- Summer: A GA will receive a tuition waiver after payment of the first \$38 in tuition for a total of up to 9 credit hours in the summer (semester I, II, III, IV). Any additional credits taken will be charged at the in-state rate.

Students are responsible for all other fees (i.e. athletic, activity, transportation, health clinic, access card, etc.).

Assistantships do NOT cover housing and books. Students with assistantships are responsible for securing housing, books, and other means of living while at VSU.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible to begin an assistantship:

- Must pass a criminal background check
- Must submit I-9 documents to verify eligibility to work in the United States.
- Must be admitted to a degree-seeking graduate program with "regular" or "probationary" status.

To maintain eligibility:

- Maintain a 3.0 GPA
- Enrolled in/complete a minimum of 6 credit hours of graduate level course work each semester the assistantship is held.

The Graduate Assistantship Program is designed to help students complete their graduate degrees in a timely manner. Because of the academic focus of the program and the financial support offered, assistants may not hold more than one job on campus.

If academic and assistantship performance is satisfactory, an assistant may be reappointed each semester for up to two years, however, reappointment is NOT automatic. Assistants seeking reappointment should request that supervisors contact the Graduate Assistant Coordinator for appropriate procedures.

MANDATORY STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

Each graduate student who receives an assistantship must either participate in the student health insurance program as mandated by the USG Board of Regents or if they have a policy under a group plan, they can apply for a waiver each semester.

Please see the following website for details:
<https://www.uhcsr.com/valdosta>

STIPENDS

Our stipends range from \$2500 per semester to \$4000 per semester depending on the nature of the work and the department in which the student is working.

Our graduate assistants work a minimum of 14 and a maximum of twenty hours per week.

QUESTIONS

All other questions should be directed to VSU's Graduate Assistant Coordinator.

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How Do I Apply?

Students can apply via the GA Application portal at:
<http://www.valdosta.edu/academic/s/graduate-school/prospective-graduate-assistants.php>

Applications are processed as follows:

1. Departments notify the Graduate School of any vacancies.
2. Job descriptions are posted; students apply and upload resumes via the GA application portal.
3. Applications and resumes are reviewed by departments; students are interviewed by departments.
4. Once offered a position, a student must complete a background check before beginning their assistantship.
5. There are no guarantees; therefore, it is recommended that students apply for any and all positions if applicable and other types of financial aid – just in case.

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