

Graduate Assistantships within EPC

Two types of assistantships are available in the department:

- GRA – Research assistants work with faculty in implementing research agendas or work with the department head and program coordinators in managing the administrative functions of the department and its programs.
- GTA - Teaching assistants primarily work with the delivery of undergraduate service courses in the human development, learning, and counseling skills.

Assistantships are awarded to full-time doctoral students, with every effort made to support each doctoral student needing an assistantship and when possible supporting master's students once the needs of doctoral students are met. Many of our graduate students earn assistantships outside of the department, which opens more opportunities for students within our department.

Beginning in late April, the department head meets with the business manager and associate department heads to evaluate the number of student applications submitted (this must be completed by all EPC students seeking an assistantship), available assistantship slots, and input from program coordinators and other faculty.

As new students are accepted into programs, program coordinators forward their names and they are added to the list of students to be supported. In most years, the process is not completed until early summer and remains somewhat fluid until late summer. This fluid nature is due to the good news of students securing assistantships outside EPC, grants that include new GTA/GRA slots being funded, etc.