



GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP (GRA) – STANDARD POLICY

Regardless of GRA status, the student's primary role at Augusta University is a student seeking the PhD degree. The student is responsible for completing all requirements and responsibilities as a student. The GRA position is intended to offset expenses while a student is enrolled, but is not ever to become the student's primary role at Augusta University. The effort associated with the GRA work will be in support of the PhD degree and will contribute to the successful completion of the PhD degree.

Graduate Research Assistants are selected by the academic unit and approved by The Graduate School (TGS). All GRA offers will be extended and overseen by TGS. Selected students will receive GRA funding for the duration of the PhD program pending budget availability and satisfactory academic progress.

The purpose of the GRA is to support the PhD student for the duration of the program, therefore, students on a Graduate Research Assistantship may not hold additional positions in conjunction with the assistantship unless approval from The Graduate School is granted. All GRAs must disclose to The Graduate School all other sources of employment and educational financial support as these may modify the terms of the Graduate Research Assistantship appointment.

GRA Eligibility Requirements:

- Enrollment in PhD Program
 - Biomedical Sciences, PhD – 12 credit hours per semester
 - Biostatistics, PhD – 9 credit hours per semester
 - Nursing, PhD – 9 credit hours per semester
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress
- Adhere to all policies and procedures of The Graduate School and Augusta University
- Perform approximately 13 hours of research-related effort weekly and track monthly on a timesheet which is submitted to The Graduate School by the last day of each month. This work effort is in addition to the research-related effort associated with the degree.

GRA Incentives:

- Competitive annual stipend set by The Graduate School; paid monthly
- Reduced tuition rate of \$25 per semester
- Coverage for single-person student health insurance

**Any exceptions to the GRA requirements and incentives will be made on a case-by-case basis by the Dean of The Graduate School.*

NOTE: International students are responsible for ensuring that they remain in compliance with their VISA regulations. The International and Postdoctoral Services Office (IPSO) can answer any questions and provide information regarding visa compliance.