Funding your graduate education can be a costly task. Fortunately, most of the academic departments at MU offer various types of assistantships for their graduate students. As described on the MU Graduate School’s website, “the purpose of a graduate assistantship is to provide a professional development opportunity consistent with a student’s educational objectives and to provide financial support for a graduate student within the context of department or grant-related tasks to be performed for a set period of time during which the student is expected to pursue academic and/or professional activities towards the advanced degree.”

Although most assistantships only cover a portion of a student’s academic costs, by meeting certain criteria, a student with an assistantship may qualify to have all of their tuition fees waived through the Graduate Student Support Program (GSSP). For more information on this program, visit the Graduate School’s financial aid website at http://gradschool.missouri.edu/financials/index.php.

**TYPES OF ASSISTANTSHIPS**

- **Teaching assistantships** are positions in which the student assists the department with their teaching program. Students may teach or assist in teaching a course while being supervised by a faculty member.
- **Research assistantships** are positions in which the student performs research under the supervision of faculty through an external grant or university funding.
- **Other assistantships** also exist doing diverse tasks in a variety of academic and nonacademic departments across campus.

**To be considered for an assistantship:** You must be accepted into a graduate program and be making satisfactory progress towards your degree. Each department has developed their own methods of recruiting, selecting, evaluating, and dismissing graduate assistants. Although most academic departments have assistantships for their doctoral students, some may also have positions available for master’s level students. Most departments offer assistantships to their own students, and levels of funding vary by department.

**To find an assistantship:** Contact your academic department directly to get more information on their policies and procedures, as well as available positions. Also, there are a few vacant Graduate Assistantships listed on http://www.HireMizzouTigers.com.

**ASSISTANTSHIPS BY NONACADEMIC DEPARTMENT**

Below are some examples of nonacademic departments that offer assistantships for which any student could apply:

- MU Career Center
- MU Department of Residential Life
- MU Division of Information Technology (DoIT)
- MU Educational Technologies at Missouri
- MU Department Student Life
- MU International Center
- MU Office of the Provost
- MU Technology Management and Industry Relations
- MU Wellness Resource Center
- MU Publications & Alumni Communication

**ASSISTANTSHIP SEARCH ONLINE**

1. Visit [http://www.HireMizzouTigers.com](http://www.hiremizzoutigers.com). Click the “Job Seeker Login” button and click on “Student Login.”
2. Enter your PawPrint and password. If you are new to the site you will be prompted to complete your profile. Make sure in the job seeker type: field you select “Graduate Assistant.”
3. Once the profile is complete you will be prompted to upload your résumé. (A résumé is needed to access graduate assistantships and full-time jobs). Once you have uploaded and named your document click on the “Submit Profile” button.
   Note: You will be granted full access to the site once your profile and resume are reviewed (takes 3-5 business days). You will receive an email notification when your account is activated.
4. To search for graduate assistantships, log back into HireMizzouTigers.com. From the homepage, hover your mouse the “Jobs/Internships” menu item and click on “Search All Jobs/Internships”.
5. On the search page, select “Graduate Assistantship” as the position type and click the green search button. You may also add other criteria by clicking on “Advanced Search”.

For more information on assistantships or graduate school, visit the Graduate School’s website: [http://gradschool.missouri.edu](http://gradschool.missouri.edu).

The MU Career Center is here to assist you with career and major exploration, job search preparation, or after college planning. Come by the Career Center or visit our website at [http://career.missouri.edu](http://career.missouri.edu), and a Career Specialist would be happy to help you!