

Graduate Assistant Appointment Type Descriptions:

Graduate Administrative Assistant (GAA):

Graduate administrative assistants are graduate students who provide academic and program support. GAA responsibilities are administrative in nature and consist of duties unrelated directly to teaching or research. Any student accepted into a graduate degree program may be appointed as a GAA.

Graduate Research Assistant (GRA):

Graduate research assistants are graduate students conducting academically significant research under the direction of a faculty member, who may be a regular teaching faculty member or a principal investigator on an external grant or contract. Any student accepted into a graduate degree program may be appointed, depending on credentials, such as (1) admission test scores, (2) grade point averages in previous course work or in the degree program, (3) previous experience, and (4) the nature of the work for which the assistantship is funded.

Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA):

Students appointed as a graduate teaching assistant must have a baccalaureate degree and be enrolled in a graduate program. Students holding GTA appointments may not have a primary responsibility for a course, but may serve as discussion leaders in breakout sections, grade papers, or assist the primary instructor of a course in other ways. GTAs may also engage in a range of other instructional activities that are not tied to a specific course (e.g. proctoring for multiple courses, tutoring, advising). Additionally, GTAs must receive information about their responsibility to protect their students' records and comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Additional information regarding FERPA compliance can be found here: <http://registrar.gsu.edu/academic-records/records-management/ferpa/>.

Graduate Computing Assistant (GCA):

Graduate computing assistants are graduate students who provide computer and technology support for academic units, programs, and labs. Any student accepted into a graduate degree program may be appointed depending on required credentials, such as (1) admission test scores, (2) grade point averages in previous course work or in the degree program, (3) previous experience, and (4) the nature of the work for which the assistantship is funded.

Graduate Teaching Assistant + Research (GTARA):

Graduate teaching and research assistants will provide assistance and support as described under graduate teaching assistant and graduate research assistant.

Graduate Administrative + Research (GRARA):

Graduate administration and research assistants will provide assistance and support as described in graduate research assistant and graduate administrative assistant.

Graduate Computing Assistant + Research (GCRA):

Graduate computing and research assistants will provide assistance and support as described under graduate computing assistant and graduate research assistant.