Opportunities for Graduate Assistantships in Student Services
Fall 2011-2012

For information about other employment opportunities for graduate students in Student Services, please refer to:
http://www.vps.msu.edu/graduate-assistant-information

Residence Life

The Department of Residence Life may have a few different types of graduate assistantships available: Assistant Hall Director, Night Receptionist Coordinator, University Apartments Assistant Community Director, and Graduate Assistant for Staff Selection and Training. Previous Residence Life experience is preferred. For further descriptions on each of these positions and to submit an application online, feel free to visit our website: www.reslife.msu.edu.

Career Services Network

Graduate assistants in Career Services join a dynamic team of professionals in an integrated career-learning network at Michigan State University. Graduate career advisors provide individual guidance to students; develop, organize, and present career-related workshops and events; and complete special projects in accord with personal career interests. These positions are designed to develop leaders in the field of career services and provide opportunities for advanced training and certification. Successful candidates must demonstrate a high degree of teamwork, collaboration, innovation, and a passion for helping students achieve their career goals.

Must be admitted to the MA program in Student Affairs Administration or Higher, Adult and Lifelong Education for Fall 2011. In addition to grant and general funding sources, Career Services supports students eligible for the Academic Achievement Graduate Assistantship program (http://grad.msu.edu/aaga/). If you believe you meet the criteria for this program, we ask that you submit a brief statement with your application materials. To find out more about us, visit us online at http://careernetwork.msu.edu.

To apply, please submit:
- A professional cover letter specific to this position
- Your resume with contact information for three references
- Email materials to: Dr. Linda Gross, Associate Director of Career Services in care of Becky Hoppenstand at hoppens3@msu.edu.

Department of Student Life

Various positions may be available within the Department of Student Life. Graduate assistants will have multiple and numerous experiences and responsibilities across several units within the Department. As a part of the Student Life team, graduate assistants will be expected to be immersed in the assistantship experiences. Although students have a half-time appointment, it is important for applicants to know that an expectation exists that graduate assistants will maintain regular office hours as well as attend evening and weekend events. These positions are designed to reflect a professional experience in student affairs. As a result of this experience, students can expect to gain skills, knowledge, and competencies. The Department of Student Life units include: Campus Life Orientation, Greek Affairs, Judicial Affairs, Leadership Development, Off-campus Issues, Student Government Advising, Student Organizations, and Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence Programs. Feel free to browse the Student Life website: http://www.studentlife.msu.edu.

To apply, please submit:
- A professional cover letter
- Your resume with contact information for three references
- Email materials to: Rick Shafer, Associate Director, Student Life at shaferrt@msu.edu.

Assistantships...

offer graduate students valuable practical experience that complements the classroom experience. Most positions in Student Services offer significant opportunities for student contact.

Remuneration

• Most assistantships are 9 month positions (Fall and Spring semesters).
• Remuneration varies depending on the nature of the position. Most Residence Life Assistantships receive a 9 month stipend of $6,590* plus a furnished apartment and meals; assistantships in other areas vary. Graduate assistants must maintain regular office hours as well as attend evening and weekends when needed; assistantships in other areas receive 9 month stipends (not apartment/meals) that range from $5,994* for ¼ time, and $11,988* for ½ time assistantships (*2010-2011 figures).
• All graduate assistants qualify for in-state tuition waivers; receive a nine credit tuition waiver per semester at the base MSU graduate credit rate (Fall and Spring); waiver of the matriculation fee, and single student health coverage.
• Assistants are responsible for the balance of their fees and tuition. For more information: http://ctir.msu.edu/COStudentAccounts/Tuition_Fees.aspx

Requirements

• Applications for assistantships and for admission to graduate school are made separately and should be made at the same time. Check with your graduate program for important deadlines. Candidates must have a completed bachelor's degree and are responsible for applying to graduate school and completing all requirements for admission, as appointment to an assistantship is contingent upon acceptance into a degree-granting grad program at MSU. Admissions website: http://admissions.msu.edu/graduate.asp
• Interviews for assistantships are typically scheduled and conditional offers made prior to acceptance into a graduate program.
• Assistants must maintain a 3.0 grade point average throughout their appointment.
• For additional information about MSU Graduate Assistantships, please go to: www.grad.msu.edu/assistantships/

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