

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP INFO

How much do teaching assistants get paid?

The stipend for teaching assistants (TAs) is \$20,000 per nine months, with an increase after passing the qualifier exams to approximately \$20,800, and another increase after passing the comprehensive exam to about \$21,600. In addition, there is guaranteed funding of about \$5,000 for a research project in the first or second summer of a student's study.

Do teaching assistants pay tuition, or is it waived?

TAs pay no tuition. This is a direct benefit of between \$11,668 (for Arizona residents) and \$24,206 (for international students) per academic year.

What are the total fees and other costs of the program?

There are about \$700 in fees per year for US and \$900 for international students that are the student's responsibility.

Is health insurance covered for TAs?

Health insurance is covered through the school, so there is no cost to the student.

How many courses do TAs have to sign up for?

TAs must enroll for a minimum of six hours during the fall and spring semester.

How long does the teaching assistantship last?

Teaching assistantships are renewable up to five years, assuming satisfactory academic progress and satisfactory performance of assigned duties.

Do new TAs sometimes teach a class, or only cover recitations, or even that?

TAs go through TA training (one week in August) after which they are evaluated for their ability to grade, tutor and grade Matlab sections, assist qualifier classes, run recitation sections, or teach their own course. Completely new teachers are unlikely to be assigned to their own course immediately but are given the opportunity to teach a variety of classes during their graduate-student career. The experience gained teaching is quite valuable and often times necessary in obtaining academic employment after graduation.

What is the workload, in hours per week?

A teaching assistantship is considered a 50% appointment (16-20 hours per week.)
See examples of workload and duties below.

TA teaching his or her own class

Total: 16 hours/week

- Teaching 3 hrs/week
- Preparing 6 hrs/week
- Grading your own class 4 hrs/week
- Holding office hours in Math Community Center 3 hrs/week

TA grading and working in the Math Community Center

Total: 16 hours/week

- Grading for three 300+ level classes 12 hrs/week
- Preparing 1 hr/week
- Spending 3 hrs/week in Math Community Center

How many students are enrolled in your graduate programs?

54 in Applied Mathematics PhD
37 in Statistics PhD
22 in Mathematics PhD
19 in Mathematics Education PhD
Less than 30 students enrolled in master's programs (Fall 2019)

What are the demographics of your graduate students?

42% women, 58% men, in all graduate programs.
67% U.S. citizens, 33% international students, in all graduate programs (Fall 2019)

When will a decision be made on my application?

Our Graduate Review Committee is continuously reviewing applications to all Graduate Programs and strives to return admission decisions within two weeks of a completed application. Teaching assistantships are highly competitive. Applications for them were reviewed in early January and first offers were made by mid January. Subsequent offers will be made on a rolling basis.

Who should I contact if I have further questions?

Contact our Associate Director for Graduate Programs, Sharon Crook, at sharon.crook@asu.edu.