

ASSISTANTSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Graduate Assistantships

Ithaca College offers a limited number of graduate assistantships to students in programs leading to a master's degree in adolescence education, agriculture education, childhood education, exercise and sport sciences, occupational therapy, music, speech-language pathology, and teaching students with speech and language disabilities.

Applying for an Assistantship

Typically, graduate assistantships are awarded for both the fall and spring semesters of each academic year. However, if funds are available, graduate assistantships may also be awarded during the summer sessions. Please consult your specific graduate program for all queries regarding the assistantship application, submission deadlines, and recommendations.

Deadlines for Completing Assistantship Applications

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Adolescence, Agriculture, & Childhood Education – Preference will be given to applications completed by February 15.

MS in Accounting, MBA in Entertainment and Media – These programs do not currently offer assistantships. However, all completed admissions applications that are received by March 1 are given full consideration for M.B.A. and M.S. Accounting merit scholarships; no separate applications are required for merit scholarship consideration.

Communications Innovation, M.S. – Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis, with preference given to those completed by March 15.

Exercise & Sport Sciences – Priority is given to those received by February 15 for the fall semester. The assistantship application and instructions can be found on the Exercise and Sport Sciences page.

Occupational Therapy (Professional-Entry Level) – Applications must be completed by February 1.

Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology (Teaching & Non-Teaching) – Applications must be completed by February 1.

Music (Composition & Conducting) – Applications must be completed by December 1.

Music (fall admission) – Applications must be completed by December 1.

Music (summer-only music education) – Applications must be completed by April 1.

Tuition, Scholarship, Graduate Appointment Salary

A graduate assistantship normally consists of two parts – a scholarship and a taxable work-related salary. The graduate appointment salary will be paid through the College payroll system on a biweekly basis. The salary will not be paid until the student has completed the W-4 and I-9 forms, which will be available at registration. The recommendation for a

graduate assistantship originates with the respective graduate chair and is approved by the graduate dean.

Assistantship Responsibilities

The duties and responsibilities of each graduate assistant are arranged and supervised by the appropriate school or department. An average of up to 15 hours per week is normally required to fulfill a graduate assistant's assigned duties on a full assistantship.

Credit and Load Requirements

Credit Limitations

Students must register for a minimum of 6 credits each semester during the academic year to maintain an assistantship (3 credits in the summer). Students with assistantships may take a maximum of 12 credits per semester. Exceptions should be requested in writing by the graduate program chair and require approval of the school dean in charge of the student's graduate program.

Full-Time Study

A full-time student is defined as one who takes 9 credits per regular semester. During the summer, enrollment with 6 credits is considered full-time.