GUIDELINES FOR GRADUATE RESEARCH AND TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS

(for new GTA and GRA fellows with starting terms of Spring 2004 and after)

As a demonstration of its commitment to graduate education and to the critical role that graduate assistants play in supporting the university’s research and teaching missions, Auburn University provides in-state tuition fellowships to its graduate teaching assistants and a subset of its graduate research assistants who meet minimum requirements. The fellowships are administered through the Graduate School, but allocated to the colleges and schools for use in programs consistent with published institutional goals. They are to be used as recruiting incentives to attract the highest quality graduate students possible. Fellowship recipients are expected to present graduate credentials placing them at the top of all applicants and students in the academic unit. There is no application process associated with this program. All contact and any questions concerning eligibility and availability should be directed to specific academic departments or the deans' offices of the respective academic colleges or schools.

Minimum eligibility requirements for Graduate Teaching Fellowships:

- The Fellow must hold a concurrent graduate teaching assistantship of at least a one-fourth appointment (0.25 FTE) with a beginning date no later than the eighth class day of the term and an ending date no earlier than the last day of classes of the same term.
- The Fellow must earn a minimum salary from his or her assistantship set each year by the Office of the Provost (equal to $426 per month for the 2003-2004 academic year).
- The Fellow must be enrolled for at least one course.
- The Fellow must be a graduate degree-seeking student, maintain a high level of academic performance, and have the support of his or her academic department based on its evaluation of the Fellow’s performance as a graduate teaching assistant and on the Fellow’s progress toward the degree.
- The Fellow must be directly engaged in undergraduate instruction.
- The Fellow must pay a registration fee each semester in which a fellowship is awarded (currently set at $200 for the 2003-2004 academic year).
- The Fellow must maintain a minimum cumulative graduate grade point average of 3.0. Graduate assistants are not eligible for the fellowship if they are unable to achieve the 3.0 minimum by the next semester of registration after falling below the 3.0 minimum.

Minimum eligibility requirements for Graduate Research Fellowships:

- The Fellow must hold a Graduate Research Fellowship appointment from a department or college within the limits of that unit’s allocation as set by the Graduate School and the Office of the Provost.
- The Fellow must hold a concurrent graduate research assistantship of at least a one-fourth appointment (0.25 FTE) with a beginning date no later than the eighth class day of the term and an ending date no earlier than the last day of classes of the same term.
- The Fellow must earn a minimum salary from his or her assistantship set each year by the Office of the Provost (equal to $426 per month for the 2003-2004 academic year).
The Fellow must be enrolled for at least one course.
- The Fellow must be a graduate degree-seeking student, maintain a high level of academic performance, and have the support of his or her academic department based on its evaluation of the Fellow’s performance as a graduate research assistant and on the Fellow’s progress toward the degree.
- The Fellow must be directly engaged in supporting the university’s research mission.
- The Fellow must pay a registration fee each semester in which a fellowship is awarded (currently set at $200 for the 2003-2004 academic year).
- The Fellow must maintain a minimum cumulative graduate grade point average of 3.0. Graduate assistants are not eligible for the fellowship if they are unable to achieve the 3.0 minimum by the next semester of registration after falling below the 3.0 minimum.

Benefits:
- Auburn University will pay the resident tuition, course fees, and student activity fees for up to 40 attempted hours for Fellows enrolled in master’s or educational specialist degree programs (no more than 15 attempted hours per semester). Attempted hours are defined as any hours for which the university charges tuition or fees, regardless of level or grade type.
- Auburn University will pay the resident tuition, course fees, and student activity fees for up to 40 additional attempted hours for doctoral Fellows who have previously earned the master’s or educational specialist degrees (no more than 15 attempted hours per semester). Attempted hours are defined as any hours for which the university charges tuition or fees, regardless of level or grade type.
- Auburn University will pay the resident tuition, course fees, and student activity fees for up to 80 attempted hours for Fellows enrolled in direct-track doctoral degree programs (no more than 15 attempted hours per semester). Attempted hours are defined as any hours for which the university charges tuition or fees, regardless of level or grade type.
- The 40 and 80 attempted hour limitations are based on any combination of Graduate Teaching or Graduate Research Fellowships and any combination of degree programs. A student pursuing multiple master’s degrees, for example, is subject to the 40 hour limitation and is not eligible for more than 40 hours of tuition fellowship.