

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP INFORMATION

M.ED. IN HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT AFFAIRS

Graduate Assistantships serve as professional apprenticeships for graduate students and enhance their academic courses. They give our students the opportunity to put what they are studying into real context, thus allowing them to further connect to the curriculum. Additional benefits of serving in an assistantship include: gaining job experience, contributing to a campus department, helping students learn and develop, networking opportunities, and receiving a paid stipend (approximately \$8,500 - 12,000/year).

Full assistantships require a student to work 20 hours per week at their assigned placement. However, in some cases, splitting an assistantship or opting for a part-time position of fewer than 20 hours may also be an option. Graduate Assistantships at WCU do not have tuition waivers associated with them; however, there are often tuition awards and remissions available through the Graduate School. Learn more at GRAD.WCU.EDU.

GRADUATE ASSISTANT PLACEMENT OPTIONS

(FOR JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND ASSOCIATED STIPENDS, VISIT HESA.WCU.EDU)

Student Affairs

- Campus Activities:
 - Arts & Cultural Events
 - Clubs & Organizations
 - Student Leadership Programs
 - Dance Marathon
- Campus Recreation & Wellness
- Counseling & Psychological Services
- Department of Student Community Ethics
- Greek Student Engagement & Development
- Intercultural Affairs
- Residential Living

Academic-Based Units

- Fine Art Museum
- Graduate School
- HESA Graduate Program
- Honors College
- Institutional Planning & Effectiveness
- Mountain Heritage Center
- Various Academic Units (working with faculty)

Campus Resources & Services

- Accessibility Services
- Admissions
- Advising Center
- Center for Career & Professional Development
- Center for Service Learning
- Financial Aid Office
- First Year Experience
- International Programs & Services
- Mentoring and Persistence to Success
- New Student Orientation
- Office of the Registrar
- OneStop Student Services
- Student-Athlete Academic Support Services
- Sustainability & Energy Management

“My graduate assistantships and internships launched my Student Affairs career. These experiences provided me with the foundation I needed to enter the field and allowed me to do so with confidence. When I think about these rich experiences, I am grateful for the knowledge and skills I gained and for the opportunity to put what I was learning in the classroom into practice.”

—Cassie Spencer, 2016 Graduate

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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