

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 \$10,500 - 12,500/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](https://grad.wcu.edu).

EXAMPLES OF GRADUATE ASSISTANT PLACEMENT OPTIONS

Student Affairs

- Campus Activities:
 - Clubs & Organizations
 - Student Leadership Programs
- Campus Recreation & Wellness
- Counseling & Psychological Services
- Office of Student Conduct
- 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

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

“The HESA program put me years ahead in my career. It was all about balancing theory and education with hands-on practice. You get to dive into internships and assistantships that give you real-world skills and an impressive resume and list of contacts upon graduation. I found my best friends, mentors, and first job directly because of this program. I’d recommend it to anyone who wants a well-rounded education that’s practical, insightful, and most importantly, fun”

—Michaela Arthur, 2018 Graduate

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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