

Application for Graduate Assistantship

Assistantships are awarded competitively based on the following criteria:

1. Academic standing. Preference goes to students with full standing and superior performance in a graduate program of the Department of Communication.
2. Degree progress. Preference goes to students on track to finish the degree at the rate expected (roughly 3 years for the M.A. or 5 years for the Ph.D).
3. Work performance. Preference goes to students who excel in assigned teaching or research and build positive relationships in their assistantship duties.
4. Scholarly citizenship. Preference goes to students who contribute regularly to department intellectual activities and other students' well being.

Support Requested

Term of Request

_____ Teaching

_____ Research

_____ Either/Both

Name of Student (Printed)

UIN

Year of Admission to
UIC

By signing below, I certify that I meet or exceed the above criteria:

Signature of Student

Date

Notes on Tuition and Fee Waivers

Graduate students receive a tuition and service fee waiver* only if their assistantships meet the following conditions:

- a. The appointment is no less than 25% and no more than 67% time.
- b. The student is degree seeking (non-degree students are *not* eligible).
- c. The assistantship appointment runs for at least 91 calendar days (41 during summer term) falling within the time from the week before instruction begins through the last day of final exams.
- d. Students must meet and maintain Graduate College registration requirements. Students must register for minimum of 8 hours during fall and spring semester and 3 hours in the summer term. International student are required to register for a greater number of hours if their appointment is less than 50%.
- e. Students must remain in good academic standing.
- f. Students must have a permanent social security number.
- g. Students must successfully meet the requirements of the assistantship.

* Tuition and service fee waivers do *not* cover the cost of any tuition differential.