

UT Arlington Dean's Doctoral Assistantship (DDA) for Teaching Assistants

In effect for Academic Year 2017-2018

Select graduate students at UT Arlington are eligible to participate in a fellowship program designed for doctoral degree seeking students which will afford them significantly reduced tuition. This program will begin fall 2017 for all BS-to-PhD and PhD graduate teaching assistants who did not receive funding in a STEM TA, EGTA or COS TA position prior to fall 2017.

Program Overview

The Office of Research will distribute the tuition budgets to the Deans. The budgets are distributed to programs within the college or school at the discretion of the Deans.

There is a 3-year term limit for all BS-to-PhD and PhD teaching assistants in the following colleges:

- College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs (CAPPA)
- College of Engineering (COE)
- College of Nursing and Health Innovation (CONHI)
- College of Science (COS)

There is a 5-year term limit for all BS-to-PhD and PhD teaching assistants in the following colleges and school:

- College of Business (COBA)
- College of Education (COEd)
- College of Liberal Arts (COLA)
- School of Social Work (SSW)

Eligibility

To be eligible for the DDA tuition fellowship, a doctoral degree seeking student who is assigned as a graduate teaching assistant must:

- a. Be enrolled as a PhD-level student or in a BS-PhD track.
- b. Hold a Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) appointment for at least 50% time (employed 20 hours per week) at the University in an academic unit.
- c. Maintain the 50%-time appointment (as described immediately above) for the entire semester.
- d. Be paid at least the minimum stipend amount required by the academic unit's GTA pay plan, but not less than an annualized rate (100% appointment basis) of \$30,000 (\$1,250 per month at 50% appointment).
- e. Maintain a cumulative graduate point average of 3.0 or higher.
- f. Be unconditionally admitted to a BS-PhD or PhD program.
- g. Be enrolled full time (9 hours in a long semester and 6 hours in the summer).

Exception #1: Students who have passed their comprehensive exams must enroll in at least 6 semester credit hours in a long semester.

Exception #2: Doctoral students in their final semester may enroll in a 3-hour dissertation course (7399).

Students for whom the following conditions apply are *ineligible* for the fellowships:

- a. Prior enrollment as a graduate student for 14 or more long semesters AND more than 99 semester credit hours of doctoral study at UT Arlington.
- b. On academic probation (i.e., having a GTA of less than 3.0).

Tuition Funding

- a. Doctoral students who have not yet passed their comprehensive examinations must be enrolled full time. These students will receive tuition support for 9 semester credit hours in a long semester and 6 semester credit hours in the summer, less statutory tuition.
- b. Doctoral students who have passed their comprehensive examinations must enroll in at least 6 semester credit hours until their final semester. Post-comprehensive exam students will only receive tuition support for 6 semester credit hours, less statutory tuition. Tuition expenses for enrollment in excess of 6 hours will not be covered by the DDA program, but must be assumed by sources other than the Office of Research (e.g., the student, the department or college).
- c. In their final semester, doctoral students may enroll in a 3-hour dissertation course (7399). These students will receive tuition support for 3 semester credit hours, less statutory tuition. Tuition expenses for enrollment in excess of 3 hours will not be covered by the DDA program, but must be assumed by sources other than the Office of Research (e.g., the student, the department or college).