

Section 5 Registration and General Information

Graduate Assistantships (GA), Research Assistantships (RA), and Teaching Assistantships (TA):

Graduate Assistantships are intended to recruit quality students to graduate study at USF and to enhance the graduate learning experience. Graduate assistantships exist within academic departments or other university offices on campus. Graduate assistants may teach, conduct research, or perform other tasks that contribute to the student's professional development. Graduate students may be classified as Graduate Assistants (GAs), Graduate Teaching Assistants/Associates (GTAs), Graduate Instructional Assistants (GIAs), and/or Graduate Research Assistants/Associates (GRAs). All graduate assistants at USF work under a contract negotiated by the Graduate Assistants United (GAU) and the USF Board of Trustees. The GAU is the labor union certified as the exclusive bargaining agent for graduate assistants at USF. To receive an assistantship, the graduate student must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Accepted in a graduate degree program;
- Maintain an overall minimum grade point average (GPA) **and** degree program GPA of 3.00;
- Enrolled full-time during the semester(s) appointed as a graduate assistant.

Full-time enrollment is considered nine (9) graduate credit hours in the fall semester, nine (9) graduate credit hours in the spring semester, and six (6) graduate credit hours in the summer semester. If a graduate assistant is enrolled in the last semester of his/her program of study, the number of registered semester hours may be less than the full-time requirement. Graduate assistants must comply with all Graduate School enrollment requirements to retain their assistantship as stated in the Graduate School Catalog at <http://catalog.grad.usf.edu/>.

For specifics regarding Graduate Assistantship requirements, guidelines, and policies, refer to the Academic Policies Section and also the Graduate Assistants Policies and Guidelines Handbook 2008-2011, available online at: http://www.grad.usf.edu/newsite/ga/GA_Policies_Guidelines_Handbook_2008_2011.pdf