



Academic Success Center Graduate Assistantship Openings

The **Academic Success Center** invites applications from graduate students pursuing a master's degree to fill multiple applied graduate research and service assistantship position(s) for the Academic Year 2026-2027.

In the Academic Success Center, graduate students have the opportunity to work as GTAs with a diverse team of professionals while developing skills that include but are not limited to academic counseling, communication, problem solving, interpersonal skills, and teamwork. In addition, graduate students in these roles develop experience in student success initiatives, retention efforts, high impact first year practices and academic advising theories.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

Graduate students appointed to applied GRA and GSA roles in the Academic Success Center work as an academic advisor to undergraduate students as they transition from high school to college. In doing so, they:

- Serve as an advisor of record for assigned student population.
- Advise assigned students on degree progression requirements.
- Serve as a first contact (email, phone, in-person) with students who are flagged as at-risk in Student Success Manager.
- Schedule individual in-person appointments to meet with students to review campus resources and develop a plan of action.
- Collaborate with professional staff in the Academic Success Center to develop new intervention programs to support retention efforts.
- Support students through individual meetings to understand academic standing and implications of not maintaining a 2.0 GPA (academic, financial aid, TOPS eligibility).
- Maintain knowledge and understanding of academic policies and procedures.
- Research high-impact programs focused on first year student transition.
- Other duties as assigned to support student success and retention.

Eligibility and Additional Considerations:

Applicants must be UL Lafayette graduate students in good academic standing who have been admitted unconditionally.

Students in the **MS Counseling, MS Psychology, MS Speech Pathology, MS Communication, Master's Education (all programs), MBA Business Administration** graduate programs are eligible to apply. Students pursuing a different graduate degree program with a research focus directly connected to the duties described above may be considered. The Academic Success Center particularly welcomes applications from graduate students interested in student development, communication, mentorship, and higher education career pathways.

If an international graduate student, your visa status may place restrictions on your employment eligibility; if you are not certain if your visa status permits holding an assistantship, contact the Office of International Affairs in the Division of Global Engagement.

Appointment Terms and Additional Considerations:

Graduate assistantship appointments with the **Academic Success Center** are for the academic year and usually begin in the fall semester. This position will begin in August 2026.

Appointment requires unconditional admission, full-time graduate enrollment, and satisfactory completion of 20 hours of **in-person, on-campus** duties each week during the academic terms. Appointment does not require completion of duties when classes are not in session (i.e., during intercessions, student holidays, and semester breaks).

Continuation of appointment is contingent upon successful completion of assistantship duties and satisfactory progress toward the degree. Reappointment beyond the 2026-2027 academic year is not guaranteed; continuation is dependent upon the same conditions as well as budgetary considerations and approval.

Compensation:

Compensation includes a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees, plus a monthly stipend that adheres to University minimum levels. Assistantship stipend and tuition/fee waiver benefits will be prorated to start date.

- For the 2026-2027 academic year, the minimum stipend is \$1,150 per month for master's students, totaling \$11,500 paid over ten months.
- The value of tuition/fee waiver for an academic-year assistantship in 2026-2027 is at least \$11,202 for U.S. resident graduate students and \$27,674 for non-resident international graduate students enrolled in 9 graduate credit hours per semester. For students taking more credits, this benefit is even higher.
- The accompanying fee waiver does not cover 100% of the supplemental insurance fee for international students on F-1, J-1, or other non-immigrant visas.

To Apply:

To apply, Send a letter of application/interest, resume or CV, and contact information for professional references to lane.rodriguez@louisiana.edu.

Questions should be directed to Ms. Lana Rodriguez, Associate Director of the Academic Success Center, at the email address above.

To ensure full consideration, apply by July 30. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.