



**University Committee for Graduate Student Success & Retention
The Graduate School
Graduate Research Assistantship Opening**

The **Graduate School** invites applications from graduate students pursuing a master's degree to fill the following graduate assistantship position for the Academic Year 2026-2027 and Summer 2027. This assistantship position reports directly to the Chair of the University Committee on Graduate Student Success and Retention and the Academic and Manuscript Support Coordinator for the Graduate School.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

This GRA position provides analytic and administrative support for the University Committee on Graduate Student Success and Retention (S&RC). Responsibilities include assisting in facilitating monthly meeting and workshops, completing weekly goals focused on literature review, data collection, analysis, summary, and dissemination, and working collaboratively with the Chair of the University Committee on Graduate Student Success and Retention and the Academic and Manuscript Support Coordinator for the Graduate School.

Additionally, the GRA position provides support for the implementation of the Graduate School data collection and assessment initiatives, including exit, programming, and climate surveys. Responsibilities include supporting data collection processes, cleaning and organizing survey data, conducting analysis, and contributing to the summary and dissemination of findings. This work supports ongoing assessment efforts and helps inform initiatives aimed at improving the graduate student experience.

Eligibility and Additional Considerations:

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

Students in the **MS Psychology, MS Counseling, MS Communication** graduate program are eligible to apply. Graduate assistants from social science graduate programs bring a strong foundation in research methodologies, data analysis, and understanding of human behavior. The duties align well with the curriculum emphasizing research, data interpretation, and applying psychological principles to support well-being and success. By engaging in literature review, data collection, analysis, and dissemination, Psychology students will apply their research skills to real-world problems, enhancing their academic growth and preparing them for advanced research roles. Their involvement will enhance the committee's ability to analyze data, interpret research findings, and develop effective strategies to support graduate student retention and success.

Students pursuing a different graduate degree program with a research focus directly connected to the duties described above may also be considered.

If an international graduate student, appointment to an assistantship also requires the appropriate immigration documents and status (including an active Form I-20 and F-1 visa status, as

applicable) and the ability to meet all federal and university employment requirements prior to the expected assistantship start date. Applicants with questions about their employment eligibility should contact the Office of International Affairs in the Division of Global Engagement.

Appointment Terms and Additional Considerations:

Graduate assistantship appointments with the **Graduate School** are for both the academic year and the summer session. 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, including Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. 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. This assistantship position includes an additional summer appointment, and thus the total stipend is \$13,800 paid equally over 12 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 letter of application/interest, resume or CV, and contact information for three professional references to gradschool@louisiana.edu.

Questions should be directed to **Dr. Jamie Benner, Academic and Manuscript Support Coordinator** for the Graduate School, at the email address above.

To ensure full consideration, apply by August 13. Review of applications will begin at that time and will continue until filled.