



Louisiana Educate Program Graduate Teaching Assistantship Openings

The **Louisiana Educate Program** invites applications from graduate students pursuing a master's degree to fill two graduate teaching assistantship position(s) for the Academic Year 2026-2027.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

The Louisiana Educate Program is a four-year residential scholar program for students primarily from the New Orleans area. This program is designed to provide wrap around, holistic support to eligible first-time students as they enter UL-Lafayette. Graduate students appointed to Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) roles in the Louisiana Educate Program will:

- Assist in the measurement of academic workshops and facilitate trainings in holistic development of LEP Scholars.
- Mentor and tutor LEP Scholars, hosting study hall group sessions and tutoring sessions as well as formulating reports and assessment of these LEP Center academic support initiatives.
- Complete statistical analysis of retention rates, persistence, and graduation rates of LEP Scholars.
- Coordinate with LEP professional staff, as well as the Offices of First-Year Experience, Campus Engagement, and Residential Life for event planning.
- Create and update the LEP Center's event calendar.
- Promote LEP events to scholars and professional staff.
- Encourage LEP scholar participation in academic and social organizations on campus
- Maintain records and provide regular updates on the LEP program, scholars, and activities.

Eligibility and Additional Considerations:

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

Students in **all Master's degree programs** are eligible to apply. Priority consideration will be given to graduate students pursuing a degree program and research focus with direct connection to the duties described above.

Other desired skills, abilities, and professional competencies include:

- Proficiency in multiple software platforms including, but not limited to, Microsoft Office 365 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and Teams).
- Experience working with data and ability to articulate data into a written format.

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 **Louisiana Educate Program** 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 letter of application/interest, resume or CV, and contact information for professional references to jorden.melton@louisiana.edu.

Questions should be directed to **Dr. Jorden Melton, Associate Director of Strategic Initiatives and Program Director**, at the email address above.

To ensure full consideration, apply by August 11. Review of applications will begin at that time and will continue until filled.