GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

Occupational Therapy • Physical Therapy
Bioscience Technologies • Couple and Family Therapy
Radiologic Sciences
Looking for a way to help pay your college expenses while gaining practical experience in your professional field?

Jefferson offers graduate assistantships (GAs) in Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Couple and Family Therapy, Bioscience Technologies and Radiologic Sciences as a viable way to help finance your education while gaining a distinct career advantage. Assistantship programs are available to qualified students who have demonstrated financial need. Depending on each student’s skills and interests, as well as the needs of the department, GAs may support the academic department or individual faculty members in research, teaching and scholarly activities.
Fast Facts

- Awards range from $2,000 to $6,000, depending on the academic department in which you work and the availability of funding.

- Positions are assigned for one year. Students are reviewed annually for continuation of the award, contingent upon academic standing and availability of funding.

- Students are assigned to a faculty member or group of faculty based on interest, skills and department needs. Specific responsibilities and work schedules are determined in collaboration with the supervising faculty member.

- Qualified accepted students are encouraged to apply for an assistantship no later than May 1. Bioscience Technologies students apply by September 3.

- Applicants in the Departments of Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Couple and Family Therapy must complete a financial aid application and apply for Federal Work Study. Bioscience Technologies students may be required to apply for Federal Work Study. Visit www.jefferson.edu/financial_aid/.

Selection Criteria

Students must show evidence of the following items in order to apply for a Graduate Assistantship:

- Acceptance into full-time graduate study
- Demonstration of financial need
- Submission of Graduate Assistant application form
- Leadership, work and/or volunteer experience, which further strengthens your application.

Student Responsibilities

- Commitment to the Graduate Assistantship program for one calendar year
- Fulfillment of all assigned hours determined by financial support
- Fulfillment of all assigned responsibilities.

Participation in the Graduate Assistantship program is dependent on funding and available positions.
Opportunities in Occupational Therapy

**Research:** Assist faculty in promoting research through literature review, data management and analysis, subject recruitment and similar activities.

**Teaching Assistantship:** Support faculty in developing and implementing courses and labs.

**University and Community Service:** Assist faculty in organizing and conducting continuing education workshops and literacy programs and promoting the establishment of occupational therapy services for various programs that include the pediatric and older adult communities.

For more information, contact Audrey Zapletal, MS, OTR/L, Department of Occupational Therapy, 215-503-9615 or audrey.zapletal@jefferson.edu.
Opportunities in Physical Therapy

**Research:** Assist faculty with a variety of research activities, such as literature reviews, development of research protocols, pilot testing, data collection and processing/management, preparation of manuscripts and presentation of results and other administrative tasks associated with research.

**Teaching Assistantship:** Support faculty in the development of teaching modules and assist in labs and course preparation.

**University and Community Service:** Help faculty organize and conduct departmental administrative activities and the development of programs focusing on the needs of the homeless and older adults.

For more information, contact Donald Sharples, 215-503-1044 or donald.sharples@jefferson.edu.
Research: Assist faculty in promoting and conducting research through literature searches, data collection and analysis, rating of video tapes, manuscript preparation and presentations at professional meetings.

Teaching Assistantship: Support faculty in developing and organizing courses and course material.

University and Community Service: Assist faculty in providing community outreach programs that target underserved populations, such as the homeless, urban youth and the mentally ill, through literacy and other supportive services.

For more information, please contact William Coffey, MSS, Department of Couple and Family Therapy, 215-382-6680 or william.coffey@jefferson.edu.
Research: Work with faculty on studies in one of the following areas: basic science research on degenerative/immunologic diseases, education, health policy, planning and/or patient outcomes research; gain experience in research techniques, publication and presentation of data.

Teaching Assistantship: Qualified students may be selected to support faculty with teaching and course preparation responsibilities.

University and Community Service: With faculty, represent the department in seminars and presentations about the bioscience programs for high school and college students.

For more information, contact Shirley Greening, MS, JD, Chair, Department of Bioscience Technologies, 215-503-8561 or shirley.greening@jefferson.edu.
Opportunities in Radiologic Sciences

Research: Assist faculty with a variety of research activities, such as literature review, data collection and processing/management, preparation of presentation of results and other associated activities.

Teaching Assistantship: Support faculty with teaching, course preparation and related activities.

University and Community Service: Assist faculty with seminars and presentations about radiologic sciences for high school or college students.

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