

WORK IN GRADUATE SCHOOL

WHY WORK IN GRADUATE SCHOOL?

Many graduate students work in some capacity or another in order to pay for basic living needs, books, and even tuition. Unlike undergraduate students, graduate students rarely live on a traditional campus with a room and meal plan. Many graduate programs are also a part-time workload, making it possible to work part time or even full time.

OPTIONS FOR WORK IN GRADUATE SCHOOL

There are many options for work as you study in graduate school. There are traditional part-time and full-time jobs, assistantships, and fellowships. The differences between the three options are listed here:

ASSISTANTSHIP

- *Often involves working for a particular department/program at a university
- *Certain programs may require involvement in one or more of these options
- *Assistantships may pay participants hourly, with a stipend, or with a tuition reduction. Most are part-time jobs in the field you are studying.
- *Many assistantships are competitive, and also require an application process that is separate from the general program application.

3 major types: Graduate Research Assistant (GRA), Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA), & Graduate Assistant (GA)

FELLOWSHIP

- * Fellowships are scholarship-based financial aid
- * It may require work for the university, such as research
- *Criteria varies significantly from one program to the next– know what you are committing to!
- *Many fellowships are competitive, and also require an application process that is separate from the general program application.

JOB

- *Involves working in a company unaffiliated to the program or school
- *A full-time job for a business may not be advisable (or even allowed) in highly demanding programs
- *Jobs will typically pay more than an assistantship or fellowship, but they are also not as flexible in scheduling around classes, projects, or events. They also may not be related to what you are studying.

LET US HELP YOU PREPARE FOR AND CONSIDER GRADUATE SCHOOL. MAKE AN APPOINTMENT IN THE LIFE CALLING & CAREER OFFICE (EMAIL LIFECALLINGCAREER@INDWES.EDU) OR EMAIL DAVID ADAMS (DAVID.ADAMS2@INDWES.EDU) WITH QUESTIONS.

