



## DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING

### **Graduate Assistantships**

**What:** Graduate Assistantships in the Department of Psychology and Counseling are available on a limited basis, depending on the needs of faculty for instructional support (Graduate Teaching Assistantships), research support (Graduate Research Assistantships) and/or lab support (Graduate Assistantship).

***Graduate Teaching Assistantships:*** GTA's assist individual faculty members with instruction of both undergraduate and graduate courses in the department. Assignments might include offering study group sessions prior to exams, weekly small group/individual tutoring, preparing instructional materials, monitoring student Canvas course activities, scoring objective assessments, and providing student writing feedback.

***Graduate Research Assistantships:*** GRA's assist individual faculty members with their research projects. Assignments might include data collection, data entry, data analysis, library research, etc. GRA's who contribute significantly to a project may also be credited as a co-author on a paper or journal article. Most GRA's are available to faculty members who have been awarded research grants or contracts. The availability of GRA's varies according to the availability of funding for faculty research.

***Graduate Assistants:*** GA's may also be employed for some non-teaching, non-research assignments. These include serving as a lab assistant in a computer lab, assisting in the management of our on and off campus practicum training clinics, or other duties.

**How long?** GA appointments are made for one semester at a time, but may be renewed based on satisfactory performance and continuing need and funding.

**How much?** GA appointments are all hourly part-time positions, ranging from less than 5 hours/week to a maximum of 19.5 hours/week. A GA may be asked to provide assistance to more than one faculty member or class, the total hours may not exceed 19.5. The beginning pay rate for our GA appointments is \$11.50.

**How to apply:** All assistantship position for the department are posted within the Handshake website. Students interested in applying will need to create an account at <https://uttyler.joinhandshake.com/login>, and can then look for position openings, both within our department and across campus. You will also post a resume and submit cover letters for particular openings for which you apply. ***Positions are generally posted in the month prior to the beginning of each new semester.*** We also send out notices to all graduate students via Canvas when positions are newly posted. Many graduate students are also eligible for student work study funding, which would pay for part of the salary for a GA. Please check with Financial Aid to determine if you are work study eligible, and then include that in your application. Questions: You may email the Department Chair, Dr. Amy Hayes, at [ahayes@uttyler.edu](mailto:ahayes@uttyler.edu) if you have any other questions.