Graduate Student Financial Aid Opportunities – Public Affairs

The Public Affairs program offers financial support to highly qualified graduate students through teaching assistantships. This funding provides valuable opportunities for faculty-student professional development and research collaborations.

Assistantships are **highly competitive** and **typically** are awarded starting in the Fall semester with the award covering the Fall and Spring semesters. Summer funding is contingent upon budget allocations. Assistantships require registration for at least 9 credit hours of coursework per semester, as prescribed by the UTD graduate catalog and the Public Affairs Ph.D. degree plan.

Assistantships are awarded and **renewable**, contingent on satisfactory academic and assistantship performance and availability of funds. All assistants are expected to know relevant university policy and procedures and important dates and holidays as listed in the University Schedule of Classes.

Assistantships receive a **monthly stipend**, along with in-state **tuition** for approximately 9 credit hours of coursework per semester up to 8 consecutive long semesters (fall and spring). Assistantships, together with required coursework, constitute a full-time position – this means that assistants may not hold employment outside of the university.

To be considered for financial support, simply indicate your interest in an assistantship when completing your application for admission. To maximize your chances of an award, all application materials should be received at The University of Texas at Dallas no later than March 31st. Please note that awards are generally limited to students seeking the Ph.D. degree.

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Inquiries about other forms of financial aid should be directed to the University’s financial aid office.