

Graduate Assistantship FAQ's

What is a Graduate Assistantship?

o Bentley offers a limited number of Graduate Assistantships for full-time students entering the fall term. Assistants are selected for one-year appointments in research, academic, and administrative roles. Applicants indicate their interest within their application. Qualified candidates are evaluated based on relevant education and experience that suggest a strong contribution to the available opportunities.

· Will I get a full scholarship?

o No, Graduate Assistants (GAs) receive a stipend for work proceeds, prorated by the number of weeks during the academic year. While benefits vary each year, they typically include a stipend for work proceeds in exchange for a 15-hour per week work commitment during the first academic year (fall-spring) and are non-renewable. Please refer to your acceptance letter and student portal for more information.

· How do I know if I have been offered a GA?

o Notification for GA is included in a separate email communication after a decision is rendered in admission offer. All nominated applicants will be evaluated for these opportunities in March.

· What is required to apply for a GA?

o To be considered for a Graduate Assistantship position, please select that you would like to be considered within your application. No additional action is required. We take everyone into consideration based on merit aid qualifications in addition to relevant education and experience that suggest a strong contribution to the available opportunities.

· Can I be considered for a GA if I am not an incoming Fall term student or studying remotely?

o Only Full-Time students studying on campus and entering in the fall semester can be considered for a Graduate Assistantship position.

· When do I find out my GA placement?

o GA placements are communicated at the start of the semester. Graduate Assistants will be able to meet their supervisors at GA Orientation.

· **What are the hours? Can I work elsewhere on campus during my GA?**

o GAs are expected to work 15 hours per week, on average, during the Fall and Spring semesters when classes are in session. Specific assignments and actual number of hours may vary from week-to-week based on the needs of the faculty member or department. GAs may not accept concurrent employment on campus without 2 prior approvals from the supervisor and the Director of Graduate Academic Advising. Total hours worked in campus employment may not exceed 20 hours per week during the academic year.

· **Can I work elsewhere on campus after my GA is complete?**

o Assistantships awarded in Fall are expected to continue through Spring provided the student demonstrates satisfactory performance of duties and maintains full-time enrollment in good academic standing. Assistantships are not renewable beyond Spring. There are many opportunities for on-campus job positions after completing a GA. Students may look for these positions on their WorkDay accounts and apply after their GA is completed.

· **Is there a GA Orientation?**

o GAs are required to attend a GA Orientation and complete approximately 5 hours of training in research methods and tools. The orientation and training schedule, along with supervisor assignments, will be communicated at the start of the semester.