

Graduate Student Financial Assistance

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP/FELLOWSHIP POSITIONS

A limited number of assistantships and fellowships are available to qualified, full-time graduate students, to work with a faculty or staff member on research or teaching based projects. Assistantships and fellowships provide students the ability to gain valuable hands-on experience, expanded learning opportunities, and professional growth possibilities.

- Positions are awarded in the form of **remitted tuition**, and can save a student 30% or more off the price of tuition (depending on the number of credits taken per term)
- Positions **may be renewable for a second academic year**, depending on the length of the program in which the student is enrolled and academic/job performance
- **Newly enrolled graduate students** beginning in the fall will be given preference in the award process
- Assistantships require **between 10-15 hours per week** of work during the academic year
- Students enrolled in the **Integrated Degree Program (IDP)** **are not eligible** to receive an assistantship or fellowship.

Students must first apply to their academic program of choice, and then may submit an assistantship award application. The priority assistantship application deadline for most programs is **February 1**, and students who apply for an assistantship on or before this date will receive first consideration for a position. Chatham will award positions on a rolling basis thereafter until all positions are filled.

► Some examples of past positions held include:

- Research Assistant in Cell and Tissue Biology (MS Biology)
- Promotions and Social Media Coordinator (Business & Entrepreneurship)
- Research Assistant (MA Teaching)
- Food Systems Policy Assistant (MA Food Studies)
- Teaching Assistant (MS Green Chemistry)
- Digital Video Specialist (MFA Film and Digital Technology)
- Research Assistant (MS Counseling Psychology)
- Aquaculture and Aquatic Ecology Assistant (Master of Sustainability)
- Fourth River Literary Journal Fellowship (MFA Creative Writing)

► Assistantship applications can be found at www.chatham.edu/assistantships

ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

A number of paid graduate student employment positions exist in various academic and administrative offices across campus, including Jennie King Mellon Library, the IT Help Desk, the Athletic and Fitness Center, and the Office of Student Affairs.

- Graduate students may work in an on-campus job up to 19 hours per week. The salary for graduate students is typically \$10 per hour.
- Student employees are paid by way of a physical check on a monthly basis or may sign up for direct deposit
- Open positions are posted on Chatham CareerLink – Career Development’s online database of employment opportunities – before the beginning of the academic year.

► Some examples of on-campus employment positions include:

- Program assistant for the Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics (PCWP)
- Admissions ambassador
- Rock wall supervisor in the AFC
- Desk attendant for the Office of Residence Life

► More information can be found at careers.chatham.edu/employment

TUITION REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM*

Full-time employees of our corporate partner companies and organizations receive a special 20% tuition reduction (provided all eligibility requirements are met).

- A list of our currently approved partners can be found at chatham.edu/extendedbenefits
- Applicants who work for companies and organizations not found on our partner list should contact the Office of Admission to find out how they can be added.
- Students who take advantage of this grant program must produce proof of employment each term of enrollment before the 20% will be subtracted from the tuition bill.
- Students who receive this 20% tuition reduction are not eligible for any other reduced tuition rates offered by the University, including assistantships and fellowships.

ALUMNI DISCOUNT PROGRAM*

This discount applies to graduates of an undergraduate Chatham degree program pursuing a graduate degree at Chatham University. Students receive a 20% tuition reduction (provided all eligibility requirements are met).

**Students enrolled in the entry-level Occupational Therapy, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Master of Physician Assistant Studies, Doctor of Psychology in Counseling Psychology, Master of Science in Nursing, RN-to-BSN, RN-to-MSN, and all certificate programs are ineligible to participate in the Tuition Reduction Grant and Alumni Discount programs.*

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

External Scholarships

The following sites house databases with thousands of scholarship opportunities. All sites are free and some offer e-mail updates as new scholarships become available.

- Salt Financial Literacy www.saltmoney.org
- Sallie Mae www.salliemae.com/plan-for-college/scholarships/scholarship-search
- Fast Web www.fastweb.org
- College Board www.collegeboard.org
- College Scholarships www.collegescholarships.com
- Scholarship Opportunity scholarshipopportunity.org/edvisorssrn-express

Yellow Ribbon Program

Chatham University is a proud participant in the Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program. A provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the program provides matching funds from the Department of Veterans Affairs as a supplement to the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

If eligible, students should apply for benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill with the Department of Veterans Affairs, and then forward the Certificate of Eligibility to the Office of the Registrar to be considered for the Yellow Ribbon Program.

► Additional information can be found at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow_ribbon.asp

FINANCIAL AID

Graduate students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine aid eligibility. The FAFSA may be completed at www.fafsa.ed.gov (Chatham's Federal School Code is 003244)

Aid Program	Requirements	Range	Additional Details
Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans	Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Master Promissory Note, and Entrance Counseling	Up to \$20,500 may be borrowed per academic year	Student may be enrolled full or part time
Direct Federal Graduate PLUS Loans	Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), PLUS Loan Application, and Master Promissory Note	Varying amounts to cover remaining educational expenses	A credit-based loan, backed by the federal government

► Need more information? Contact the Office of Financial Aid at **412-365-2781** or financialaid@chatham.edu