



University of Connecticut
*Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education
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GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS

DEFINED

The Offices of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education & Dean of the Graduate School and the Vice President for Research have developed the following definitions to provide guidelines in the appointment, roles and responsibilities of graduate students as assistants, fellows and interns.

An assistantship (teaching assistantship or research assistantship) is awarded to a graduate student who provides teaching or research support to the University that is a part of his/her academic program. In recognition of this support, the tuition of the student is provided by the grant/contract funding agency (for research assistants) or the University (for teaching assistants).

Note: all assistantships must be administered through an academic department.

A fellowship is awarded to a graduate student to pursue his/her academic program, but does not require the student to provide any teaching or research support to the institution. The tuition of a student receiving a fellowship must be paid by the student, the granting organization, the department and/or school/college or through the Office of the Vice President for Research (VPR) with prior approval. An example of this is the Policy on Competitive Federal Graduate Awards; where the institutional/educational allowance is deposited in the Office of the VPR which is responsible for paying the tuition.

An internship is an experiential job placement designed to enhance the knowledge, skills and abilities of a student, enhance their employability, and requires a student to perform specific work at the host's site. The tuition payment is the responsibility of the student, the host or other external funding specifically designated for this purpose.

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