



DIVISION of ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
School of Graduate Studies

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

The Graduate Council has approved a new policy on graduate assistantships. This policy becomes effective on June 30, 2013.

EXISTING POLICY

“GAs [Graduate Assistants] may be reappointed at the discretion of the employing unit. In order to allow a large number of qualified students to benefit from these positions, most employing units are attempting to limit the time period in which a graduate student may serve as an assistant in any category. In general, this is two academic or fiscal years for a Master’s degree student, and three years for a Doctoral student. There are occasional exceptions to the time limitation based on the employing unit needs and expertise of the student” Graduate Assistant Handbook, (p.2).

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