

GRADUATE ASSISTANT POSITION REQUEST FORM 2025-2026

The Office of Graduate Studies & Academic Innovation has a limited number of graduate assistantships. Requests will be considered from academic departments that have graduate programs or units on campus which provide services to graduate students. Graduate Assistant requests will also be considered from individual faculty members who can provide cost share for the position.

Requests will be evaluated and allocated based on the following criteria:

- GA assists with department research, teaching needs, and/or unit activities.
- GA position will promote graduate program growth and/or unit enhancement.
- GA position will help with recruitment of high-quality students.
- Department or unit can provide cost sharing for the GA position.
- The department or unit has a viable mentoring and supervision plan for the GA.
- GA will be pursuing a degree/occupation in the department/unit requesting the position.
- GA will be provided with professional development opportunities.
- The department or unit has demonstrated record of graduating graduate assistants.

Submit all graduate assistant requests to Sharon Johnson at johnsons3@unk.edu in the Office of Graduate Studies & Academic Innovation by January 28, 2025. Graduate assistant positions should not be advertised or posted until awarded by the Office of Graduate Studies & Academic Innovation. After positions are approved, an appointment form will also need to be completed and submitted to Sharon.

Questions:

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Date: _____

College/Office: _____ Department: _____

Graduate Program: _____ Graduate Program Enrollment: _____

Requested Length of Appointment (if other than 2 years): _____

Name of the GA who currently occupies the position: _____

GA Position: ☐ New ☐ Renewal

GA Status: ☐ Full time ☐ Part time

GA Type: ☐ Research ☐ Teaching Other _____

**Graduate Assistants must be degree-seeking students*

Please respond to the items below in full detail using the aforementioned criteria. Responses to items below should be submitted as an attached document to the completed request form. If requesting multiple positions, an application should be completed for each position.

- I. Outline the duties of the graduate assistant
- II. Describe how the graduate assistant assignments will connect the requested responsibilities and duties to the mission of the department or unit, Office of Graduate Studies & Academic Innovation, and University of Nebraska at Kearney.
- III. Describe how the graduate assistant will assist in meeting the current departmental/unit needs and future departmental/unit plans.
- IV. Outline a purposeful professional development plan for the graduate assistant.

Approval:

Graduate Program Chair Date

Department Chair/Program Chair Date

Dean of Graduate Studies & Academic Innovation Date