

**New Graduate Assistantship  
Information Sheet  
Effective August 16, 2023**

How many credits per semester should I take?

The iSchool requires a minimum enrollment of 10 credit hours in the fall and/or spring terms when holding an assistantship; if a student needs to enroll in less than 10 credit hours, they should speak to their advisor about this. IF a student is in their final term of study, they can enroll in the number of hours they require to complete degree requirements; this can be any number of credit hours below 10 but not less than 2 credit hours.) Individual programs may set higher requirements.

During the summer session, students must be enrolled a minimum of 4 credit hours for at least the eight-week portion of the summer term (enrollment during the four-week portion of the summer term will not qualify as full-time registration) [Please note that the University does not require summer registration to be eligible to hold a summer assistantship. See the Graduate College Graduate Student Handbook at <https://grad.illinois.edu/files/pdfs/handbook.pdf>

What are the current tuition and fee rates?

Graduate Assistantships carry a waiver of **in-state** tuition and partial student fees. (for the iSchool, students that have graduate assistantships receive a base-rate waiver; **this covers the residential portion of the Graduate Base Rate Tuition**. This amount for the 2023/2024 academic year is **\$6,888**. See *Traditional Programs Base-rate Waivers* at this link <https://grad.illinois.edu/files/pdfs/handbook.pdf> ) "iSchool assessment includes a tuition differential (the exact amount depends on tuition range) each semester to be paid by the student."

Currently, iSchool in-state tuition is **\$7,146** and non-resident tuition are **\$12,995 (if entered before fall 2023)**. **If entered fall 2023 or after, the in-state tuition is \$7,289 and non-resident tuition is \$13,495** for full-time students per semester. **If you are awarded an in-state Graduate Base Rate Tuition waiver, you will be required to pay the difference between the in-state Graduate Base Rate Tuition and iSchool tuition assessment. You are encouraged to check the Office of the Registrar website for any updates to tuition rates** <https://registrar.illinois.edu/q-tuition-rates-2324/> (iSchool tuition is found under "Information Sciences" on the tuition chart.)

The following is a breakdown of the current 2021-2022 fees that will be billed to **full-time enrolled (12+ credit hours)** students per semester (<https://registrar.illinois.edu/q-fees-cr-2324/>) :

Health Service Fee	\$251
Health Insurance Fee*	\$1008
Service Fee (waived with assistantship)**	\$340
General Fee	\$305
Transportation Fee (MTD)	\$68
AFMA	\$365
Library/Information Tech	\$244
Student Initiated Fees (non refundable) includes SORF, SEAL, Krannert, etc	\$73
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,654</b>

What is the current salary and level of benefits for my Graduate Assistantship?

**9-month, 50% appointments** include a 20 hour work week and a stipend that will be at least \$2,453.33 per month before taxes. **9-month, 33% appointments** include a 13.33 hour work week, and a stipend that will be at least \$1,619.20 per month before taxes. **9-month, 25% appointments** include a 10 hour work week, and a stipend that will be at least \$1,226.67 per month before taxes. The hourly rate is **\$28.31**. **9-month positions do not earn vacation benefits**. However, they do earn 13 non-cumulative sick days, 2 floating holidays, and 11 University holidays. In addition to medical coverage provided by your student status, dental and vision insurance are provided by your graduate assistantship status.

Current insurance information is located at this URL, <http://si.illinois.edu/>. Or you can call the University of Illinois Student Insurance Office at 333-0165; they are located at McKinley Health Center, 1109 S. Lincoln Ave., Urbana.

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