

**3359-60-06.6 Graduate student assistantships.**

(A) Financial assistance.

- (1) The office of academic affairs (OAA) and/or the graduate school award teaching and research assistantships to qualified graduate students to render service to the university through undergraduate teaching and research, respectively. OAA/graduate school funded assistantships are awarded for up to two years of master's study, up to five years of doctoral degree study, and up to five years of master's/doctoral degree study. No student should expect to receive a university funded teaching or research assistantship for more than five years. Individual university units may fully fund and award administrative graduate assistantships to perform other duties. For information and/or applications, the student should contact the head of the department. Tuition scholarships are also available on a limited basis in some departments.
- (2) Section 3345.281 of the Revised Code requires that each state university establish a program to assess oral English language proficiency of teaching assistants providing

of an assistantship. The graduate assistantship recipient is not required to repay any tuition remission if they withdraw from all classes at the time of resignation. However, if they continue as an enrolled graduate student at the university of Akron after resignation from the assistantship award, then they must repay the tuition remission based on a percentage of the number of weeks remaining in the semester or summer session.

Examples:

- (1) If the student resigns in the ninth week of a sixteen-week semester, the repayment will be seven-sixteenths or forty-four per cent of the tuition required in that semester.
- (2) If the student resigns in the second week of a five-week summer session, the repayment will be three-fifths or sixty per cent of the tuition required in that summer session.

(D) Important stipulations:

- (1) If the graduate assistantship recipient drops below the minimum required graduate credits at any time during the contract period for services, the assistantship is forfeited.
- (2) No refunds will be made to any student for tuition paid for terms prior to the beginning of the assistantship.

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