



The Graduate College
Graduate Assistantship Contract & Approval Form

Please complete all fields on the form.

Student Name _____ KSU ID _____

Student Program _____

Summer Semester 2017 ONLY

Project Faculty Supervisor Name _____

Supervisor Program Affiliation _____

Hiring Department _____ Hiring Dept. Speed Chart _____

Funding Unit 1 _____ Speed Chart 1 _____ Split 1 % _____

For Graduate College Funded stipends use Speed Chart 49220

Funding Unit 2 _____ Speed Chart 2 _____ Split 2 % _____

Funding Unit 3 _____ Speed Chart 3 _____ Split 3 % _____

Please check the appropriate Tier:

Please indicate the assistantship type:

GRA-Research Asst

Tier I – up to 15 hours per week - \$3,000 stipend for term – max 6 hours tuition waiver

GTA-Teaching Asst

Tier II – 16-30 hours per week - \$4,500 stipend for term – max 9 hours tuition waiver

GA-Graduate Asst

Tier III – 31-40 hours per week - \$6,000 stipend for term – max 12 hours tuition waiver

Other Stipend amount: _____ Associated work hours per week: _____

Number of Graduate Tuition Waiver Hours Requested for Summer 2017: _____

This appointment is made subject to applicable federal and State of Georgia laws, and to the policies and regulations of this institution ([available online at www.kennesaw.edu](http://www.kennesaw.edu)), as well as the by-laws and policies of the Board of Regents, ([available online at www.usg.edu](http://www.usg.edu)), and if applicable, to the terms of the grant or contract under which you will be working. This appointment contract comprises the entire agreement between the parties, and cannot be changed or modified unless agreed to in writing by all the parties to this agreement.

DATES ON CONTRACT:

This contract will commence **May 15, 2017** and end on **July 31, 2017**

COURSE CREDIT HOURS:

During the Summer semester graduate students do not have to register for graduate courses. However, we strongly encourage graduate students to enroll so they may make progress towards their degree. Students cannot receive more than 24 hours of waivers in an academic year (Fall, Spring, Summer).

HIRING-IN PROCESS:

Upon receipt of the approved contract signed by the Graduate Dean, the student should contact **Human Resources** (HR) by phone (470-578-6030) or email (hr@kennesaw.edu) and identify yourself as a Graduate Assistant for the upcoming semester to complete the hiring process.

Please note that Graduate Assistants are required to attend HR orientation and cannot be paid until this final step has been completed. **Orientation must be completed no later than the third day after the beginning date of the contract.**

PAYMENT OF FEES:

Each Graduate Assistant pays a special tuition fee of **\$25 per semester**, as well as all student fees, and the cost of mandatory health insurance if the Graduate Student is not eligible for a health insurance waiver. A waiver of the health insurance fee may be applied for directly with **United Health Care** at: studentcenter.uhcsr.com/Kennesaw. Graduate Students that are enrolled in one of KSU premium-priced programs will be required to pay all tuition and other costs of these programs in excess of standard graduate program tuition. Failure to pay by the tuition payment deadline will result in classes being canceled.

STIPEND:

The Summer stipend amount will be paid in two monthly payments. The first payment date will be the last business day of June (6/30/17) and represent the period of 5/15/17 through 6/30/17 or 60% of the stipend. The second payment date will be the last business day of July (7/31/17) and represent the period of 7/1/17 through 7/31/17, the remaining 40% of the stipend. The payment of compensation provided for herein is contingent upon the continued availability of funds for personnel services under the General Appropriations Act.

WORK ASSIGNMENT & HOURS:

You must render service to the university, college, or department to which you are assigned during the period of the appointment. The responsibilities and expectations of your position are described on the last page of this contract. The assistantship requires that the Graduate Student works no more than **40 hours** per week for the **10 weeks in the Summer semesters** based on assignment. Supervisors should take the students course load into account when setting their weekly work hours.

The faculty supervisor will provide assignments to be completed in a timely manner. Regular meetings between the faculty supervisor and the Graduate Student should take place to assess progress on the project and for the Graduate Student to receive any new assignments. The supervisor will submit an evaluation of the quality and outcome of the project and completed work at the end of the term and will provide documentation of the number of hours devoted to the project by the graduate assistants. **While working as a graduate assistant you may not be employed in any other position within the University System of Georgia.**

TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:

This contract may be terminated immediately if the Graduate Assistant fails to meet the requirements of the contract as determined by the faculty supervisor. A Graduate Assistant wishing to resign must submit a letter of resignation to the Graduate Dean and their Faculty Supervisor. In both circumstances, compensation will cease upon termination and the Graduate Assistant may be required to reimburse the university for tuition waived for the semester.

SIGNATURE PAGE

Please sign below acknowledging that you have read and understand all parts of this contract.

GRADUATE ASSISTANT SIGNATURE:

Graduate Assistant Signature _____

Name (Please print) _____ Date _____

GRADUATE FACULTY SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE:

Supervisor Signature _____

Supervisor Name (Please print) _____ Date _____

APPOINTMENT APPROVED BY THE DEAN OF THE GRADUATE COLLEGE:

Graduate Dean _____ Date _____

Graduate Assistantship Responsibilities and Expectations

Description of Project (please briefly describe the project in layman's terms)

Duties of the Graduate Student

How will the student be evaluated?

What is the benefit to the student?

What is the benefit of this project to the university?