

Economic Development Assistantships

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Economic Development Assistantships in the amount of \$25,000 per student per year may be authorized at the discretion of the Dean of the Graduate School. These assistantships are to be awarded to incoming doctoral students whose study and/or research will directly affect the economic development of Louisiana and are to be used to attract superior doctoral graduate students to your program, i.e., they are a recruiting tool. They may not be given to students already enrolled in doctoral study. Students are responsible for paying University fees. Students receive the graduate assistantship tuition exemption and a student insurance supplement of \$350 each for fall and spring semesters is also provided if the student selects one of the LSU sponsored health insurance programs. The assistantships may be continued for four consecutive years provided funds remain available; departments should plan to continue assistantships from other funding sources for students who take longer than four years to complete their terminal degree.

Students who are awarded ED Assistantships must maintain **a 3.5 overall and semester GPA**. Their duties will consist of research on the project submitted by the faculty project director or a very closely related topic. Additional duties, including teaching, may not be assigned without prior written consent of the Graduate School. ED Assistantships return to the Graduate School at the termination of the student's appointment, regardless of reason for termination. Students who drop into a master's program may not continue to hold an ED Assistantship.

Students holding ED Assistantships may be awarded additional funds (but not additional duties) from departmental resources upon approval by the Graduate School.

Departments who are assigned ED Assistantships will receive further information regarding the appointment of students. All contracts will be emailed directly to the student by The Graduate School. Departments are not authorized to offer contracts for the ED Assistantships. Awarded students will be appointed by the Graduate School Assistantship Coordinator.

Recipients (faculty and student) will be required to submit an interim report in the fall of the third year of the award. The report format will be provided to the PI prior to the due date. Report requirements include (but are not limited to) to student-specific data such as GPAs and milestones accomplished in degree program, a paragraph by the student on his/her progress including any specific research findings, a paragraph by the faculty mentor on the student's progress and a statement of the impact of the student's work on a specific area of economic development for Louisiana. Any publications, presentations or conference travel related to the ED should also be included.

Any intellectual property developed through the use of EDA funds must be reported to LSU and the funding agency and its contractors. All faculty and appointed students are required to abide by the conditions of PM-64 and all other applicable university policies, procedures and regulations.

Names and photographs of the PI and the appointed student may be used in publications (electronic and print) by The Graduate School and LSU.

Questions regarding ED Assistantships should be addressed to the Office of the Dean, LSU Graduate School (mhamil3@lsu.edu).