

Assistantships and Financial Support MS Exercise Physiology Program

We want to do our best to make sure our master's students apply for all financial support opportunities available. There is a lot of information but that is because there are many opportunities!

First of all, everyone needs to complete their FASFA for the academic year. The sooner the better as some financial aid opportunities are on a first come first served basis. If you qualify for work study, we will request for you to be assigned to our department, meaning you will help our program with teaching and research. You may be eligible for work study if you have received work study previously, filed taxes independently from your parents, and/or demonstrate financial need based on the FASFA.

Our Exercise Physiology program will have 2-3 Graduate Assistant (GA) positions that we offer each year for both cohorts. These GAs assist in teaching labs for ex phys, biomechanics, athletic testing & conditioning, and graded ex testing. When we have the official notice of vacancy, it will be posted here with application information, usually in early March.

Our program works with United Hospital and South Central Community College to place graduate assistants in their health and wellness facilities. If a position is available for your cohort, your resume will be reviewed by these organizations when you are accepted into the program.

For those of you interested in a GA position within the Athletic Department alongside sports teams or the strength and conditioning program, you will need to contact the Head Coaches for the respective sports for positions available. The contact list for the MSU Athletics can be found here: <http://www.msumavericks.com/staff.aspx> .

Approximately 35 graduate teaching assistantships (TA) are available each year in the Dept of Biological Sciences to qualified applicants. They go quickly and are competitive. A minimum GPA of 3.0 in undergraduate math, chemistry, biology and physics classes. **Preference is given to assistantship applications submitted to the Department of Biological Sciences by March 1st.** However, applications will be accepted any time for review. Make sure you include a resume and transcript per instructions. You can email your application to biologyassistant@mnsu.edu. You can find more information and apply here: <http://cset.mnsu.edu/biology/prospective/gradstudent/#three> (scroll to the bottom for GA application information).

A variety of other GA positions are available campus wide. Students in our program have worked with departments like health and wellness, campus fitness and recreation, and health services. Deadlines vary and new positions are posted at different times. You can find these positions here: <https://www.mnsu.edu/hr/vacancy/index.php?id=vacgrad> . The positions with CESR, IRB, Academic fellowships, and the career development center would be great opportunities.

Both assistantships and work study positions pay for tuition and provide a yearly stipend of around \$10,000 for 20 hours/week. I highly recommend you apply for as many assistantships as possible. You are all high-quality applicants and I am confident you will find one that works for you. **Even if you are not sure if you will attend MSU, complete a few applications so you have them in place.**