



CECS Spring 2026 Go for Launch Series: Maintaining Your Spring 2026 Assistantship

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What is an Assistantship?

- It is an admitted, **full-time student** who works under the supervision of a faculty member or a research team, assisting with various tasks related to a course, initiative, or research project.¹ Online only students cannot be hired for assistantships.

Types at UCF

- Graduate Research Assistantships (GRA)
- Graduate Teaching Associate
- Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA)
- Grader
- Graduate Assistant (GA)

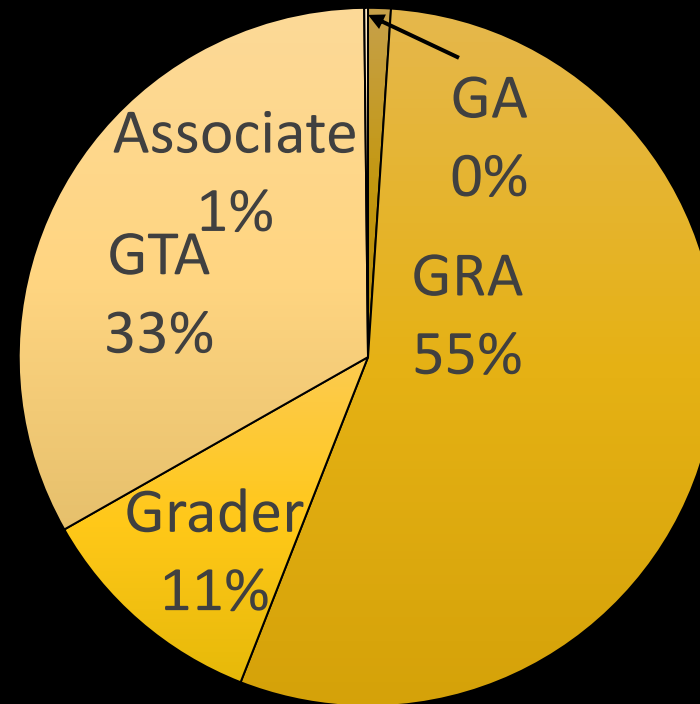
1. <https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/finding-a-job/what-is-student-research-assistant>



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Spring 2026 Graduate Student Hires

We are Filling **572** Positions



■ Associate ■ GRA ■ Grader ■ GTA ■ GA

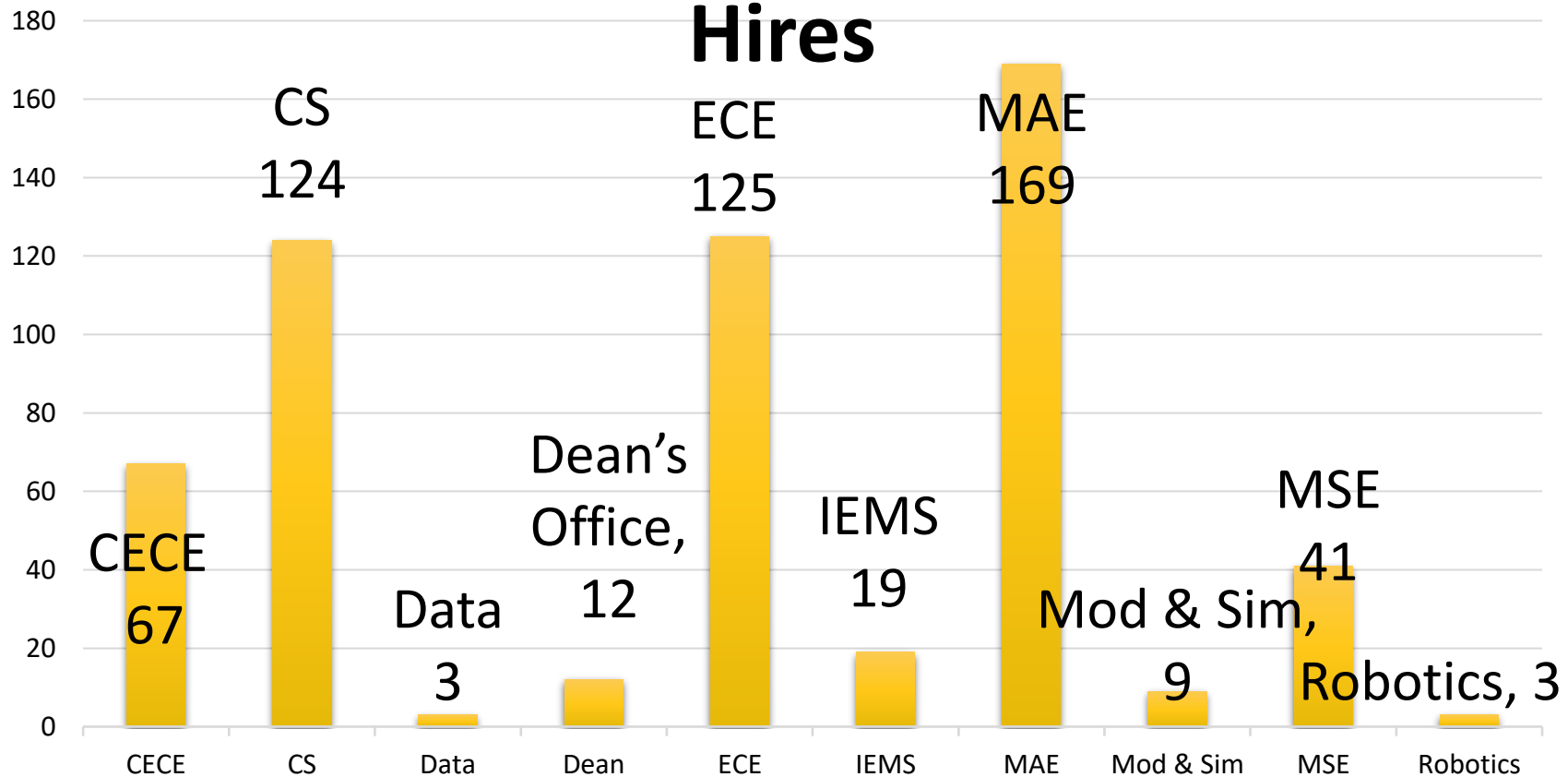


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Hires





Graduate Research Assistant (GRAs)

- A student who works under the supervisions of a faculty member or a research team and helps with various tasks related to a research project.

Duties

- Running Experiments
- Creating Literature Reviews
- Running Statistical Test and Analysis
- Writing Research and Conference Proposals

Graduate Teaching Assistants/Associates (GTAs)

- GTAs are a student who works along a faculty member with a specific class or lab.
- Teaching Associates are instructors of record and handle all course's teaching requirements with limited supervision.

Duties

- Lecturing
- Office Hours
- Preparing Exams
- Grading, as Needed

Graders

- A student who assists with grading for a course.
- Does NOT have interactions with the course's students.

Graduate Assistants (GAs)

- A student who assists in various on-campus offices, facilitates, or departments and assumes different administrative or technical tasks depending on their unique role².
- Duties may include administrative tasks such as filing and answering emails. Other GA positions may assist departments in developing programs, conducting outreach, or organizing data.

2. <https://www.listening.com/blog/graduateassistantship#:~:text=Assisting%20with%20departmental%20events%2C%20such,efforts%20for%20prospective%20graduate%20students>

Benefits of an Assistantship (0.5 FTE / 20 Hours)

- In-State Tuition Rate (out-of-state is waived)
- In-State Tuition Rate is Paid by Grad Studies or your Hiring Unit
- **Only Full-Time Enrollment**
 - 9 hours Enrolled = 9 hours of coursework + 1 hour of internship; only 9 hours covered
 - 3 hours Enrolled = 3 hours of thesis/dissertation – Only 3 Credit Hours
- Optional Fees May/May Not be Covered
- [UCF Sponsored Health Insurance](#)
- [Bi-Weekly](#) Stipends



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Tuition & Optional Fees Explained

Graduate

Fee Name	In State Rate	Out of State Rate
Tuition	288.16	288.16
Non-Resident Fee	0.00	863.66
Capital Improvement Fee	6.76	6.76
Financial Aid Fee	14.40	14.40
Non-Resident Financial Aid Fee	0.00	43.17
Activity & Service Fee	11.67	11.67
Transportation Access Fee	9.10	9.10
Health Fee	10.84	10.84
Athletic Fee	14.32	14.32
Tuition Differential*	0.00	0.00
Technology Fee	14.40	14.40
Tuition and Fees Total for 1 Credit Hour	369.65	1276.48

Other Fees

Fee Name	In State Rate	Out of State Rate
Distance Learning Course Fee (Per Hour)	18.00	18.00
Repeat Course Fee (Per Hour)	0.00	0.00
Excess Hour Fee (Per Hour)	0.00	0.00
ID Service & Access Fee (Annual)	10.00	10.00
Material & Supply Fee ****	Up To 70.00	Up To 70.00
International Student Fee (Per Term)	50.00	50.00
Equipment Fee	Up To 90.00	Up To 90.00
Late Registration Fee	100.00	100.00
Late Payment Fee	100.00	100.00
Credit Card Convenience Fee	2%	2%
Returned Check Fee	25.00	25.00



Additional Tuition Bill Notes

- Waivers are Applied to your Bill as Your Contract is Fully Processed
 - Missing Waiver on **1/21**? Let me know cecsgrad@ucf.edu
- Can't Pay Your Full-Tuition or Full Fees?
 - [Payment Plans](#)
 - Speak with Advisor to Change your Contract to Cover Fees => [Your Graduate Coordinator](#) makes this change.
- [Florida Residency](#)
 - In-State Students = In-State Tuition Rate
 - No international students
 - [Re-Classification](#)



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Spring 2026 Full-Time Enrollment



- EML 7919* (9 hours) = 9 hours
- Course 1 + Course 2 + Course 3 = 9 hours
- Course 1 + Course 2 + CAP 6908* = 9 hours
- Course 1 + TTE 7919* (6 hours) = 9 hours



- **EEL 6971* or 7980* (3 hours) = 3 hours (full-time)**

Tuition Waiver covers full-time status only; any extra tuition (over 9 hours / more than 3 6971/7980) requires permission. * [Variable Credi Hour Courses](#) (6908, 6818, 6971, 7919, & 7980)



Finalized by Friday, January 16





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Things to Do Right NOW

- Register as a Full-Time Student (6 or 3 Hours of 6971 or 3 hours of 7980) by **Friday, January 16**. Need a variable credit hour course? Submit your paperwork ASAP
- Complete All Graduate Teaching Associates/Assistants/Graders [WebCourse Training\(s\)](#)
- [Review Your Contract](#)
 - Check for Optional Fees, Advisor Information, Course Assignments, Employment Dates
- [Review Your Fee Invoice](#)



Maintaining Your Assistantship Position

- Must be a **Full-Time Student** (#1 Reason for Issues)
 - Even During Graduating Term and on a Reduced Course Load
 - Even on CPT You must still be a Full-Time Student
 - Do NOT Changing Your Enrollment via a Late Drop/Swap or a Withdrawal
 - **You Cannot Swap Course Work for a Variable Credit Hour Course** = Realistically Review your Course's Requirements and Concepts before Friday, **January 16**
- Meet your Supervisor's Expectations



Meeting Expectations

- Meet with the Professor that you are working for:
 - GTAs/Graders = The Instructor of Record
 - GRAs = Your Faculty Advisor/Research Director
- Clarify Their Expectations
 - What do they need you to do and when you need to do it?
 - How and when will they provide feedback?
 - Who to contact if you have questions?



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Consequences of Ending Your Contract Early

- You will no longer work at UCF
- Your Paychecks Will End, Even if Your Stipend is not 100% Paid Out
- You will owe your full tuition (and fees) for Spring 2026 back to UCF
 - Out-of-State and/or International Students = **\$11,488.32** approximately
 - In-State Students = **\$3,326.85** approximately
- Sign [the CECS Resignation Form](#)



Spring 2026 Go for Launch Workshops

- Thesis & Dissertation Success: **January 22, 2026**
- Finding Funding: **February 6, 2026 (Begin now for Summer/Fall 2026 Positions)**
- Applying for Spring or Summer 2026 Graduation: **March 6, 2026**
- Summer 2026 Thesis Students: **March 26, 2026**
- Summer 2026 Candidates: **March 27, 2026**
- Summer 2026 Registration: **April 3, 2026**

**All sessions are held via Zoom at 11 AM / [Slides](#) will be Posted After the
Presentation Session**



Questions?



https://ucf.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a5a1o7MR26vSpmK