AFFORDING YOUR GRADUATE DEGREE
Financial Assistance for Graduate Students

Applying for Graduate Assistantships
Graduate assistantships, both research and teaching, are available for full-time domestic and international students. Awards of graduate assistantships are determined by each major department. There are two types of Graduate Student Assistantships (GSAs):

- **Teaching Assistants (TAs)** serve in many roles to help faculty teach both undergraduate and graduate lecture courses and laboratories. First-time TAs must attend a Teaching Assistant Seminar prior to beginning their assignments. In addition, there are specific, additional language proficiency requirements for TAs for whom English is not their home language. TAs must be formally evaluated (in writing) by their faculty supervisor as a condition for renewal of their award (normally once per academic year). These evaluations become a part of the TA’s record.

- **Research Assistants (RAs)** work with faculty members on scientific and engineering research projects supported by governmental and private sponsors. In many cases, these projects are directly related to the student’s thesis or dissertation research. Formal evaluations are not required for RAs.

Both TAs and RAs must maintain appropriate GPAs and continue full-time graduate studies in their disciplines in order to retain their assistantships. GSAs may receive a stipend, tuition remission or both as remuneration. Amounts vary and are determined by the departments. Students awarded a Florida Tech scholarship and a graduate assistantship may choose between either award. A student cannot receive both.

**GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

International applicants who are interested in applying for a graduate assistantship are required to have:

a. GPA of 3.0 for master’s or 3.2 for doctoral student.

b. If the student’s home language is not English, evidence of proficiency for both written and spoken English must be provided, even if they are alumni of English institutions. Conditions are as follows:

   i. For teaching assistants, an official Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of at least 600, an equivalent score of at least 100 on the internet-based TOEFL (iBT) or a score of 7.0 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is required.

   ii. For research assistants, an official Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of at least 550, an equivalent score of at least 79 on the internet-based TOEFL (iBT) or a score of 6.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is required.

   iii. For all newly admitted international graduate students, an official TOEFL, iBT or IELTS must be taken no more than two years before attendance at Florida Tech.

   iv. The International Teaching Assistant Speaking Assessment (ITASA) with a passing score is required for all teaching assistants whose home language is NOT English.

   c. All new teaching assistants are required to attend and successfully complete the three-day Teaching Assistant Seminar offered either at the beginning of fall or spring semesters before they are able to teach.

International applicants for a master’s or doctoral degree are considered for a scholarship on a rolling basis and are encouraged to apply considerably in advance of the admission application deadlines. All international students are encouraged to secure scholarships from external sources to help fund their education in the United States. International students may apply for on-campus employment and are permitted to work up to 20 hours per week.

**GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Applicants for admission are considered for a Florida Tech Graduate scholarship, which is awarded based on academic merit. Scholarships are renewable annually. However, students may not receive both an assistantship and a scholarship.

**OTHER FORMS OF AID**

In addition to graduate scholarships and assistantships, student loans are available. Please visit the Office of Financial Aid website for additional information, application and requirements.

**DOCTORAL GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT TUITION SCHOLARSHIP (DGRATS)**

Full tuition scholarships are available for graduate research assistants working toward a doctoral degree. Main-campus students who are supported by 15 hours or more per week of research or grant stipends or are on full national fellowships are eligible for the program, which is capped at 45 credits.

**Graduate Application Filing Dates**

Applicants should submit their application materials according to the guidelines below. It is your responsibility to ensure all materials required for application evaluation are received by the Office of Graduate Admissions before the deadline. If your application is incomplete at time of deadline, it may not be evaluated.

- Clinical Psy.D. .................................................. Jan. 1
- ABA Ph.D. Program .................................................. Jan. 15
- I/O Psychology ..................................................... Jan. 15
- All ABA M.S. Programs ........................................... Feb. 15
- Biological Sciences ................................................. March 15

All supporting application material must be received by the dates above.

*Chemistry applications accepted for the fall term only.

*Biotechnology applications accepted for the spring and fall terms only.

*Biological sciences applications encouraged for spring and fall.

**INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION DEADLINE DATES**

The application and all other required materials must be received by:

- Summer .......................................................... April 1
- Fall ................................................................. June 8
- Spring ............................................................. Oct. 14

**HOW TO APPLY**

Choose a field of study from the list of graduate programs and complete the online graduate application (www.fit.edu/apply). You must provide all requested information, including:

- Statement of Objectives
- Résumé
- Letters of Recommendation (must be sent directly from recommender)
- Proof of English language proficiency
- Application fee: $50 U.S. for master’s programs and $60 U.S. for doctoral programs
- Transcripts: Your application will be evaluated only when Florida Tech receives transcripts from all schools you have previously attended. Transcripts must be originals and one copy must be sent at least six months before you plan to enroll.
- Official non-U.S. university credential evaluation.
- Test scores: GRE scores are required for applicants of most of the Ph.D. programs and several of the master’s programs. GMAT or GRE scores are recommended for all applicants to the Nathan M. Bisk College of Business at the time of application. Test scores may not be required for certain programs but they are helpful in evaluation for admission.