



*Application for the
MPP/MPA Graduate
Research Assistant
Position*

Graduate Research Assistant (GRA) Program

The Schar School of Policy and Government offers a handful of competitive, full-time GRA positions. GRAs work directly with a select group of faculty and centers on a variety of projects and research topics. GRA positions are an excellent opportunity for students to further develop research, writing and editing skills, network with faculty and employers. Should you wish to be considered for a graduate teaching assistantship during academic year 2020-21, please complete the application below. All students should note that selection and renewal of funding is contingent upon strong academic performance and satisfactory work progress.

Schedule

Schar GRA appointment dates are August 25, 2020 through May 24, 2021. All positions are 20 hours/week throughout the academic semester.

Compensation

GRAs receive a \$8000 stipend per term (\$16,000 for the year), paid bi-weekly; and a waiver of up to six graduate-level credits per semester at the in-state rate.

Required Qualifications

Recipients **must** take a minimum of nine (9) credit hours per semester. (Exception: students who require less than six (6) hours to complete their degrees and graduate.) Recipients should have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.7 and above at the time of application and demonstrated research and writing skills.

Application for Schar Graduate Research Assistantship

This application is for the 2020-2021 academic year. Application deadline: August 14, 2020. To be considered for an assistantship, a student must have a completed application on file and be admitted into a University program. Students must be in good academic standing and maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA throughout the assistantship. Additional information may be requested.

*Instructions: To apply for an MPA/MPP Graduate Research Assistant (GRA) position, please be sure to submit this application and additional requirements by **August 14, 2020**. All credentials should be submitted to schargss@gmu.edu.*

Personal Information

Last or Family Name First MI Other

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G Number

Permanent Address:

Present Mailing Address: valid until _____

Street Apt. No.

Street Apt. No.

City State Zip Code

City State Zip Code

(H) (W)
Area Code and Telephone No.

(H) (W)
Area Code and Telephone No.

E-mail Address

Schar School of Policy and Government Program:

If yes, list field:

Emphasis/Concentration area: _____

Length of Appointment Requested

Cumulative GPA: _____

Term (circle one): Spring or Fall

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If International, please check box:

Academic year: _____

Total Number of Credit Hours Completed: _____

Current Employment Status:

Intended Semester of Graduation: _____

Work greater than 19 hours/week:

I am not working while taking classes _____ (Please initial)

Work 19 or fewer hours/week Not employed:
Please describe your job briefly:

Do you have a master's degree? Yes No

Additional Requirements

We request that you submit the following items with this application:

1. A current resume.
2. A research interest statement (250 words).

Honor Code/Release Statement

George Mason University shares the tradition of an honor system that has existed in Virginia since 1842. The Honor Code is an integral part of university life, and it is the student's responsibility to understand the provisions of the code. Attempted cheating, plagiarism, lying, and stealing constitute Honor Code violations. In the spirit of the code, students and faculty members must report all violations to the Honor Committee. The Honor Code can be found in the University Catalog.

I certify all information given on the application is true and correct, and I will read and accept the responsibility of the Honor Code if I am approved for admission to George Mason University.

I understand that information about me known to the Admissions and/or the Office of Financial Aid may be used to evaluate my eligibility for a scholarship, and I authorize those offices to release information to the appropriate scholarship committees. I further authorize release of my application to third parties for the purpose of scholarship consideration. If selected for a scholarship, I authorize release of information to be given to donors or used in publicity related to the scholarship program. I further agree that I will notify the Office of Student Financial Aid of any changes (major, residence, etc.), which may affect my eligibility for a restricted award.

Signature _____ Date _____