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Employment Opportunities outside EDP

In addition to employment in Educational Psychology, students have access to:

- Finding Student Employment
- Hire UTexas jobs database
- Hire a Longhorn site
- UT Job Search
- EDP's Announcements Page, which lists fellowships, grants, and job listings sent to EDP.

EDP Employment

General Information

The Department of Educational Psychology offers Teaching Assistant (TA), Assistant Instructor (AI), and Graduate Research Assistant (GRA) positions. These positions are primarily available to EDP students in their second year and beyond. Recipients of half-time teaching or research assistantships are often eligible for an exemption of the out-of-state portion of their tuition.

Student appointments as TAs, AIs, or GRAs may not exceed 20 hours per week during the first two long semesters ("long semester" = Spring or Fall) of graduate study (or for international students in any semester) at UT Austin. Appointments may not exceed 30 hours per week during subsequent long semesters. Exceptions to this policy require approval of the EDP Graduate Adviser and the Graduate Dean.

TAs, AIs, & GRAs may not be appointed for more than fourteen long semesters at any one of these graduate student employee titles or combination of titles. Graduate student employees must also be registered for at least 9 semester graduate hours during the semester of employment for a long semester, and at least 3 semester graduate hours during a summer term employment.

Note: In addition to appointments available in EDP, EDP students have also found employment in other UT departments.

Position Types

Teaching Assistants (TA)s generally assist with labs, review sessions, grading, and classroom management, with occasional teaching as-needed. TAs are not permitted by the university to be primary instructor for a course. More information about TA assignments >

Assistant Instructors (AI)s serve as the primary instructor and instructor of record for the course, handling all instruction, grading, and classroom activities. They are assigned a faculty supervisor, who evaluates the student at the end of the semester, provides guidance when needed, and steps in to manage the course in case of emergency. Note: EDP courses that are typically AI-taught are EDP 304 Strategic Learning for the 21st Century, EDP 308 Statistical Literacy and Reasoning, and EDP 316 Intergroup Dialogue. See More information about AI assignments >

Graduate Research Assistant (GRA)s are expected to contribute, under supervision, to a program of departmental or interdepartmental
research, with the understanding that the experience will contribute to the professional training of the student. A GRA may carry out independent research under the guidance of a faculty member, and their work may be used as part of their report, thesis, or dissertation research to the extent approved by the faculty supervisor. See More information about GRA assignments >

Eligibility Requirements

Please read these requirements for appointment in EDP carefully before applying:

- Students must meet all the Office of Graduate Studies’ Conditions for Student Employment.
- TAs and AIs for a course must have taken the same course or an approved equivalent, and be recommended by the course instructor.
- For ALD 320 and ALD 328 TAs, preference is given to students who have teaching experience at the elementary or secondary level.
- Appointment as an AI requires that students have completed the course 398T College Teaching Methodology (in Educational Psychology or in another department).
- Al and TAs must complete any UT/Graduate-School required student employee orientations before beginning any AI/TA duties.

Application Process

GRA Positions: Students interested in a Graduate Research Assistant (GRA) position should read about faculty research interests and contact faculty directly.

TA & AI Positions: Students interested in a Teaching Assistant or Assistant Instructor positions are encouraged to talk to the instructor of the course directly, or complete the application below. Class listings/schedules for upcoming semesters can be viewed via the Course Schedule on the Registrar’s page.

IMPORTANT: Before contacting faculty or applying, be sure to review all the eligibility requirements above to be certain you meet the requirements.

*Apply Online - TA-AI Application*

Appointment / Tuition Waiver Information

Appointment information is available via the UT Appointments Information system (generally a few weeks before the beginning of the corresponding semester).

The processing status of Tuition Reduction Benefits (TRB) may be viewed online via the UT My Tuition page.

Students receiving Out-of-State Tuition Waiver should log onto the Graduate School's website and claim employment-based resident tuition entitlements.