Financial Resources / Employment

Educational Psychology graduate students are often employed in a variety of settings on campus and in the community. Many students also obtain student loans, scholarships, and fellowships to finance their education. The most common types of employment are: 10 or 20 hour teaching assistantships, assistant instructor, and research assistant appointments. General information about Student Employment at UT can be found on the Graduate School’s employment page.

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Financial Aid, Fellowships, Awards and Other Resources

See the Graduate School Finances Page for information and options for financial support.

Student Employment

Employment Outside EDP

Students often find employment outside the Department of Educational Psychology, at UT or in the community.

Finding a Student Job - UTHR’s employment page is the primary source for student employment resources

EDP Announcements - EDP’s Announcements page often includes job listings that have been sent to EDP

EDP Employment

The Department of Educational Psychology offers a number of student employee positions; positions are primarily available to EDP students in their second year and beyond.

Eligibility Requirements

Read these requirements for appointment in EDP carefully before applying:

- UT has strict rules about the number of hours a week a student may be employed, as well as the number of credit hours a student must be enrolled in, to qualify for student employment. Carefully review all the Office of Graduate Studies’ Conditions for Student Employment.
- TAs and AIs must have taken the same course or an approved equivalent, and be recommended by the course instructor.
- AI appointments require students to have successfully completed the course 398T College Teaching Methodology (in EDP or another department).
- Students must complete any UT/Graduate-School required student employee orientations before beginning work.

Positions

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.

Teaching Assistants (TA)s generally assist with labs, review sessions, grading, and classroom management. The university does not permit TAs to have instructional duties.

Assistant Instructors (AI)s serve as the primary instructor for a 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 manages the course in case of emergency. EDP has very specific AI-taught courses - see section below for information.

Applying for EDP Student Employment

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

TA: Students interested in a Teaching Assistant or Assistant Instructor positions should contact the course instructor directly, or complete the general-interest application below. Class listings for upcoming semesters can be viewed via the Course Schedule on the Registrar’s page.

AI: Students should contact the HDCLS Area Chair for information about EDP 304 Strategic Learning for the 21st Century and EDP 316 Intergroup Dialogue AI positions, and QM Area Chair for information about EDP 308 Statistical Literacy and Reasoning AI positions.
Appointment / Tuition Waiver Information

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

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

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