

## 11. Graduate Assistantships

We have a limited number of graduate (teaching) assistantships, which typically make students eligible for a lower, in-state tuition and pays for their health insurance during their term of assistantship, in addition to providing them a monthly stipend. Assistantship decisions are highly competitive and made on a semester-to-semester basis, based on students' performance in prior semesters at USF, their work ethic, and their ability to assist us with undergraduate and graduate classes. For example, we will only hire students with a strong background in statistics as teaching assistants for our statistics classes. Assistantships are not available in your first semester at USF, but will be available from the second semester onwards, based on your performance in prior semesters at USF. Note that assistantships are not merit-based or need-based scholarships, they are on-campus jobs, for which you are expected to work for 20 hours/week as assigned by your supervising professor.

Additional on-campus job opportunities are available as graduate assistants in other offices, departments, and centers on the USF campus, for example, at our Dean's office, the Provost's office, at USF Library, our INTO program office, USF Morsani Center of Medicine, USF Center for Urban Transportation Research, and other departments on campus. These jobs typically require specific skills such as Power BI, coding, and so forth. These are university-wide positions, and

students are selected based on their fit with job requirements. Our students are often considered favorably for these positions because of their strong technical skills. Only students already enrolled at USF have access to such positions on an internal USF portal. Incoming international students cannot apply for these jobs from their home countries.

Students can also do paid full-time or part-time internships at a US company for a maximum of 12 months as part of the curricular practical training (CPT) option of the program, while fully retaining their 18-month optional practical training (OPT) to secure a job and a work visa upon completion of their MS-BAIS degree. You must complete two semesters of coursework at USF to be eligible for an internship. Our students often get internship positions in prestigious companies like Amazon, BMW, and JP Morgan Chase, and many of these internships often convert into full-time positions upon graduation.

- The BAIS/ SISM department has varying numbers of GA positions each semester, which are awarded on a competitive basis. These positions are limited and there are specific professional expectations associated with each position. When applications are being accepted, all current and newly admitted students will be invited to apply. Incoming international students will need to send their visa in order to be considered. Please wait for the application announcement and do not email individual professors.
- See our FAQ page, 'finances' area, for more on this <http://www.usf.edu/business/graduate/masters/bais/faq.aspx> . Other university-wide funding opportunities can be found at <https://www.usf.edu/graduate-studies/funding/fellowships-scholarships/> While the department does its best, it is unable to make any commitment that you will find a GA position during your time here.