

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION AND REGULATIONS
School of Engineering and Applied Science
University of Virginia

Students receiving financial aid from the School of Engineering and Applied Science must be registered as a full-time student, defined as at least 12 credit hours of lecture-laboratory courses and/or research during the academic year, must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.0 and must maintain satisfactory progress toward a degree. Summertime graduate research assistants must register for a minimum of 6 credit hours of research during the summer. Students receiving financial aid are not permitted to have other employment without approval of the Office of Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs. Students are awarded financial assistance to enable them to devote maximum effort to graduate studies.

Fellowships

Fellowships are intended to allow a graduate student to devote full time to learning opportunities in the classroom and laboratory. No work duties, in a pay for service sense, are required, but good academic progress, including research for the thesis or dissertation, are essential. Some programs, during fellowship support, will include research and teaching duties as part of the usual academic requirements for the degree. Stipends are usually paid monthly in eight equal installments during the academic year and in three installments during the summer.

Graduate Research Assistantships

Graduate Research Assistants are assigned to work with a faculty member on a specific research project which should culminate in a project report, thesis, or dissertation. A full-time Graduate Research Assistant may not carry a load of more than 9 credit hours of lecture-laboratory courses but must register each semester for enough additional credits of teaching/research to maintain full-time student status 12 hours. Stipends are paid in twenty equal installments during the academic year and in six installments during the summer. All Graduate Research Assistants must have signed a UVA Patent Policy Agreement.

Graduate Teaching Assistantships

Graduate Teaching Assistants are assigned to assist a faculty member teaching a specific lecture/laboratory course. The assigned duties will depend on the course and instructor. A teaching assistant may not carry a load of more than 9 credit hours of lecture-laboratory courses but must register each semester for enough teaching/research credit to maintain full-time student status 12 hours. Stipends are paid in twenty equal installments during the academic year.

Payroll Information

All Graduate Assistants are responsible for providing withholding tax information and social security card to the School payroll office and completing the Federal Employment Eligibility Form I-9. Please report to the Budget Office for the School of Engineering and Applied Science in Room A-205, Thornton Hall. Failure to do so will preclude being placed on the payroll.

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