

ASU Presidential Graduate Assistantships

Call for Proposals 2025-26

We are pleased to announce the continuation of the Presidential Graduate Assistant Program. Office of Inclusive Excellence in partnership with the Graduate College invite interested departments to apply for the program, with the opportunity to recruit a scholar to start at ASU in the Fall of 2025.

The program

In 2020, Arizona State University's President Michael Crow announced the Presidential Graduate Assistantships (PGA) as one of several programs outlined in the [LIFT initiative- \(T2\)](#), establishing graduate assistantships for underrepresented students to go to graduate school. The goal of the program is to create opportunities to recruit and mentor PhD and MFA students with great potential to advance their careers, and it provides sponsoring units the opportunity to deepen their practices in service of the [ASU Charter](#). The program will offer graduate teaching and/or research assistantships and professional development to graduate students whose research, teaching, and service will contribute to advancing the ASU Charter.

Funding will be provided to the awarded units for the first two years and will include the stipend at the minimum stipend level, tuition remission, employee-related expenses (ERE) and administrative service charges (ASC). The academic college/school/department is expected to fund students at the same or higher level as an RA or TA for the remaining two years. It may be necessary for some hiring units to supplement the standard stipend to meet unit stipend levels.

Eligibility

Thematic cluster proposals will be accepted from single or multiple collaborating units, including interdisciplinary clusters across schools or colleges for up to three Presidential Graduate Assistantships per academic unit in the areas of interest relative to ASU's Charter. Competitive proposals will reflect contributions to inclusive excellence in alignment with the advancement of the school/department's strategic direction. All ASU academic units where PhD or MFA degrees are granted (schools/departments) are eligible to submit a proposal. Units that submitted proposals in prior review cycles are eligible to apply again this year.

Departments that wish to apply to the program must send at least one department representative to one of the Presidential Graduate Assistantship virtual info sessions scheduled for **Friday, August 9, 2024, at 3:00-4:30pm** and **Friday, August 16, 2024, from 2:30-4:00 pm**. [Pre-registration](#) is required.

Search and Hiring

Once approved, the selected academic units will work with their colleges to form a search committee, advertisement and conduct a comprehensive, national search (i.e., identify and interview multiple qualified candidates). Potential mentors are welcome to participate in interviews and provide input in the selection.

Proposal Submission and Selection Process

Colleges/schools/departments interested in recruiting graduate students through this program must submit a proposal [through this link](#) by **September 25, 2024**.

Final selections will be announced by **Monday October 21, 2024**, allowing time for recruitment to begin in October. Awarded departments must attend a post-award information session, scheduled for **Thursday, Oct. 24, from 11:00am-12:30 p.m.**, before beginning any search activities.