

# GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

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The Graduate Research Assistant (GRA) is a graduate student, enrolled in accordance with their plan of study and assigned to work in a faculty member's lab or provide fundamental support for a faculty member's research. The supervising faculty member may or may not be the student's main advisor. Duties of research assistants vary by discipline and lab but include all tasks needed to pursue research in a given area, such as: data collection, entry, and analysis; reviewing the literature and other library work; writing reports; copying, filing, and collating; organizing and/or cleaning the lab or office.