

Assistantships and Funding Psychology Graduate Program Counseling Graduate Program

State University of New York at New Paltz

Teaching Assistantships. Teaching Assistantship (TA) positions are available to a limited number of students each year. Selection for these positions is competitive. Assistantship duties involve aiding faculty in teaching either undergraduate PSY275 Psychological Statistics or PSY311 Psychological Research Methods. Currently, the position entails a six-credit tuition scholarship per semester plus a stipend. Candidates for TA positions are chosen by the directors of the Psychology and Counseling Graduate Programs in consultation with the program admission committees. Therefore, applications should be submitted on an invitation only basis.

Graduate Student Assistants. Graduate Student Assistant (GSA) positions are Student Temporary Service positions that include general responsibilities in the Psychology and Counseling Graduate Programs Office assisting graduate students with the intricacies of the Department's master's programs, as well as working on projects for the directors of those programs. Currently, GSA employees are paid an hourly wage, which is determined each academic year. Candidates for GSA positions are chosen by the directors of the graduate programs.

Other positions. The Career Resource Center, the Disability Resource Center, Academic Advising, and the Psychology Department all offer jobs to students in the Department's graduate programs. As with all funded positions in the department, applications are solicited on an invitation only basis, although students are encouraged to verbally inform the Psychology and Counseling Graduate Programs Office of their interest. As with GSA positions, other job opportunities within in the Psychology Department are Student Temporary Service positions.

Scholarships. The New York Mental Health Counselors Association offers a Scholarship Award to outstanding graduates of counseling-related programs. The SUNY New Paltz Foundation also has scholarships, some of which may be appropriate for graduate students. Students conducting research should consider applying for a Research and Creative Projects grant from the Graduate School. More generally, Financial Aid has information on scholarships and loans.