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Admissions and Financial Aid for Assistant and Associate Deans: Financial Aid

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Financial Aid Overview

- Assistantships
- Fellowships
- Loans

Assistantships

- Research
- Teaching
- “Graduate Assistantships”

Theory of Assistantships

- “Financial Aid”
- “Professional Development”
- At MU, assistantships usually carry full tuition benefit for students
 - Complications of “Graduate Tuition Support Program” (fee waivers)
- The Rights of Graduate Assistantships
 - Treated as “faculty” at MU
 - The Importance of the “offer letter”

Research Assistantships

- Who pays stipend?
 - What are origins of stipend, and why would it matter?
 - Do assistantships carry tuition benefits?
- What is the “FTE”?
- How many hours responsible?
- Duration of the assistantship
 - How much flexibility should PIs retain in terms of length of offer?

Teaching Assistantships

- “TA” vs. “GI”
- Who pays stipend?
- Who pays tuition?
- FTE: How many courses, how many “hours”?

Graduate Assistantships

- Should there be graduate assistantships apart from research and teaching?
- Can administrative work be linked to the professional development of students?
- Competition with administrative/clerical staff

Fellowships

- Financial Aid
- Recruiting Tool
- External Fellowships
- Internal Fellowships

External Fellowships

- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program
- Training grants as “fellowships.”
- Ford Foundation; Soros Foundation, etc.

Supplemental Fellowships

- Small amount of money given to departments on competitive basis
- Supplement assistantship/departmental fellowship for first year

University Fellowships

- From endowments/general operating funds
- Individuals nominated by departments
- Judged on individual basis
- Different competitions for PhD and Master's
- Available funds for underrepresented students

Additional Internal Fellowships

- Peace Corps Fellowship Program
- Bies Travel Scholarship
- Other research and presentation travel assistance
 - Also assistance provided by graduate student organizations

Loans

- At MU, Federal loans handled by Financial Aid office
- Cashier's Office offers short term loans

Questions?

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