



Department of Sociology

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APPLICATION FOR GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CURRENT GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Department has available a limited number of competitively awarded Graduate Assistantships, Fellowships, and Tuition Scholarships each year for graduate students currently enrolled in the PhD or MA programs.

Current Graduate Assistants and Fellows interested in renewing their assistantship/fellowship/scholarship for the next academic year must complete this form. Positions are not automatically renewed. Awards are based upon availability of a position, department needs, good academic standing as indicated by satisfactory **progress in the program** (e.g., GPA, timely completion of coursework, taking prelims within one year of finishing coursework), **career preparation** (submission of manuscript to peer-reviewed journal, conference presentations), **service and citizenship** (e.g., visibility and active participation in department activities), and satisfactory performance of prior assistantship/fellowship duties.

Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTA) are assigned to assist a faculty member, or teach their own undergraduate course (depending on amount of prior teaching experience). Duties include developing syllabi and assignments, grading, proctoring exams, lecturing, leading student discussions, and performing other pedagogical activities. GTAs are awarded to students who have demonstrated competent fulfillment of assistantship responsibilities and/or the potential for effectively teaching sociology classes at the university level. GTAs include a stipend, housing allowance, tuition scholarship and subsidized health benefits. GTAs must be enrolled for a minimum of six credits of graduate work each term, usually 2-3 courses (6-9 credits) each term or dissertation credits. Priority for GTAs is given to Ph.D. students. *Occasionally, a Master's student is given a GTA position.* All GTAs must adhere to the **Department Graduate Assistant Work Rules and Policies**, and the University Graduate Employee Organizing Committee (GEOC) Agreement (see: <https://gradschool.wayne.edu/funding/assistantships-geoc>).

Thomas C. Rumble Fellowships aim to optimize PhD student performance by providing support for and establishing expected outcomes at particular stages of their training process. The fellowship includes a stipend, housing allowance, tuition scholarship and subsidized health benefits. Students cannot be awarded a Rumble for more than two years. Students must be enrolled full-time (minimum 8 credits, or dissertation credits), and cannot hold employment outside the university. Rumble Fellows may hold another University position for up to 10 additional hours weekly, with permission from the Director of Graduate Studies, Adviser, and Chair of the Department. Rumble Fellows are expected to actively participate in a series of events/activities sponsored by the Graduate School. Criteria for awarding Rumble Fellowships are the same as criteria used to award Department GTAs. Emphasis on current Rumble Fellows satisfactory meeting of the fellowship requirements is evaluated in determining a second year for a Rumble or for a Graduate Assistantship position.

Graduate Professional Scholarships (GPS) provides payment for resident tuition assessments only—a minimum of 6 graduate credits and maximum of 10 credits can be covered in each of the fall and winter semesters. Students seeking this scholarship must also apply separately to the Graduate School – applications open in the winter term, and are due by April 1 of each year. Applicants must reapply to be considered for subsequent years. See the Graduate School website: <https://gradschool.wayne.edu/funding/grad-prof-scholarship> for the online application process. Criteria for department nominations are based on the same criteria listed above. Results are announced in early June.

Graduate students who are not current Graduate Assistants or Rumble Fellows seeking an assistantship for the next academic year must complete this form. The Department awards an assistantship upon availability of a position, department needs, and maintenance of satisfactory progress in the PhD or MA program (as described above), and if applicable, satisfactory performance of any job duties in the department.

The Graduate Committee reviews all applications, and recommends applicants for available positions to the Department Chair, who makes the final decision. In consultation with the Graduate Committee, the Chair also makes the final decision regarding the specific nature of all assistantship assignments. **Submit the completed form to the Graduate Director. Submit this form via email (kbrumley@wayne.edu) no later than January 15th.** Typically, decisions are made by March 15th but no later than May 1st (except for the GPS).

Student Name: _____ Banner ID: 00 _____ Access ID: _____

Preferred Email: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

MA: PhD: Year started program:

Adviser Name: _____

Current Graduate Assistant (Yes/No): _____ Current Rumble Fellow (Yes/No): _____

Position(s) Applying For:

GTA: Rumble Fellowship: GPS:

Please indicate the courses you would prefer to teach (we cannot guarantee courses, but will consider your preference):

SOC 2000 (introduction to sociology): _____ SOC 2020 (social problems): _____

Please indicate other courses you are interested in teaching:

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
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List other types of financial support (excluding Travel Awards) received as a graduate student, such as, but not limited to, the Graduate Professional Scholarship, King-Chavez-Parks Fellowship, Summer Dissertation Fellowship, Humanities Center Fellowship, and external grants. Please provide the year of award and, if applicable, the support amount.

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4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Please provide a brief narrative that describes your academic progress since January 15th of the previous academic year. This includes, but is not limited to, oral thesis and proposal defenses, data collection/fieldwork, preliminary examinations, conference presentations, grant applications, submission of manuscripts for publication, and publications.

If you have never been a Graduate Assistant in the Department, briefly describe in the space below your abilities and experience for teaching sociology undergraduate courses. If formal evaluations (such as semester student evaluations for teaching) are available, please include a summary in your description.

Student Signature

Date

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Decision: _____

Date: _____

Comments: