

Financial Assistance

(General Catalog information on Financial Aid is reprinted in Appendix A, Students accepted into a program of graduate study or into a post-baccalaureate certification program at UT Permian Basin are eligible to apply for financial assistance. For more detailed information, students should contact the Office of Student Financial Aid.

Satisfactory Academic Progress: Students enrolled in graduate degree programs or post-baccalaureate programs are expected to meet qualitative and quantitative standards similar to the undergraduate programs in order to be eligible to receive financial aid benefits (as outlined in Appendix A).

In addition, graduate students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.00 or higher. Post-baccalaureate students must maintain at least a CGPA equivalent to that which is required for successful completion of the student's certification or licensing program. Students who fail to maintain the minimum CGPA requirements will be placed on financial aid suspension. Financial Aid suspension means students are not eligible for any financial aid until minimum requirements are reestablished. Loans are considered financial aid and are included in the suspension. Graduate and post-baccalaureate students are subject to the same regulations governing maximum time frames for completing a program of study one and one-half times the stated length of a program. For example, a graduate degree program which requires 36 semester credit hours of graduate study must be completed within 54 attempted hours (36 hrs x 1.50). Other program lengths would be similarly calculated. Leveling work required for admission into a program of study will be added to the program's stated length to determine maximum time allowed for completion. Additionally, graduate and post-baccalaureate students must have successfully completed at least 75% of attempted enrollments at the end of the Spring semester in order to be eligible for financial assistance during the following year.

Funding for Student Teaching: Students enrolled in student teaching are considered to be registered as full-time students. Financial Aid will be based on fifth year senior status.

Outside Funded Fellowships: Private foundations and research grant programs sometimes offer fellowship grants and stipends to graduate assistants within the various disciplines. Information on available fellowships may be obtained by contacting department chairs and program coordinators.

Funding for Practicums, Internships and Theses/Projects: Students enrolled in practicums, internships and theses/projects are considered less than half-time students for purposes of receiving financial aid. Less than half-time students are not eligible for Financial Aid.

Graduate Scholarship and Assistantships:

A limited number of scholarships and Graduate Assistantships are available. Students employed as graduate assistants in either teaching or research must be accepted into a program in a regular or provisional status at the time the appointment is made and enroll in 9 hours of coursework applicable to the degree plan during the fall and spring semester. A limited number of summer appointments may be available and require 3 to 9 hours of enrollment. Students who accept Assistantships are University employees and thus are obligated in the same way as other employees. An explanation of duties and responsibilities will be provided to each assistant. As a University employee, any Graduate Assistant wishing to accept employment in an off-campus job is required to file a written Request for Prior Approval of Outside Employment. The form is available in the office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and online located on the UTPB Home Page, Administration, Academic Affairs, and University Forms. Students may not be employed in another University appointment at the same time they hold an appointment as a Graduate Assistant. Additional information and applications can be found on the Graduate Studies and Research website as well as the Handbook of Operating Procedures.