



### **Information and Deadlines:**

Most GIAs teach three lab sections. With successful experience as a GIA and after completing 18 communication studies graduate course hours (six hours), you may be selected to teach your own sections of COMM 1310 and will be designated a GTA or Graduate Teaching Assistant. GTAs teach two stand-alone sections of COMM 1310.

Assistantship application priority deadline is **April 15**.

### **Benefits of Being a GIA:**

1. Being a GIA helps pay for your graduate education. Half-time GIAs work 20 hours per week and earn a [competitive stipend](#). Out-of-state GIAs earn in-state tuition benefits and half-time GIAs are eligible for insurance benefits after their first semester in the program.
2. Being a GIA enriches your graduate school experience. It allows you to learn communication both as a student and as a teacher. Sharing what you know and teaching others helps build and reinforce your knowledge and skills.

3. Being a GIA allows you to foster close working relationships with faculty members and other graduate colleagues.
  
4. Being a GIA gives you skills and experiences in teaching and training others. If you are considering a career in higher education, training and development, organizational development, or another field where you will be responsible for leading and developing others, then working as a GIA will give you important front-line teaching and training experience.