

Criteria for selecting graduate assistants:

Those who apply for graduate assistantships must be enrolled as a full time student (9 credit hours per semester) pursuing a graduate degree in economics. Also, those who apply must be able to demonstrate strong research skills, including the ability to find and collect information from the Internet and library, the ability to operate basic research software, and be able to communicate in written and oral form with their assigned professors. The inability to satisfactorily fulfill one or more of these skills will reduce the chances of obtaining and maintaining an assistantship.

The Department of Economics stresses that its first priority is to students enrolled in the MA program in Economics. Lower priority will be given to graduate students in the College of Business. Lowest priority will be given to graduate students in other colleges. It is highly unlikely that a non-economics major will receive an assistantship from the Department of Economics and are encouraged to seek assistantships elsewhere.

According to the University of Texas at Arlington regulations, to qualify for an assistantship a student must also meet the following conditions:

1. Unconditional admission status (provisional or probational acceptance precludes eligibility).
2. A minimum of 3.0 GPA must be maintained (probation precludes eligibility).
3. No other regular outside employment is undertaken.
4. Satisfactory and timely completion of assigned tasks.
5. Satisfactory progress towards an advanced degree in economics.
6. A minimum of nine hours of coursework per semester.
7. International students must take and pass UTA Development English Course, or take the TOEFL iBT test and achieve a score of 23 on the speaking section, or take the IELTS test and achieve a score of 7 on the speaking section.
8. The student must possess a social security number. If not, apply for it immediately.

For non-economics major, an assistantship is only awarded for the current semester and renewal of an assistantship depends on the availability of funding and previous work performance. For economics majors, assistantships are awarded on a semester basis and will not be renewed if job performance is unsatisfactory.

Note: While this information is intended to be accurate and helpful, please refer to rules published in the University Graduate Catalog, as that contains the formal rules of the University that always take precedence