



## **Department of Economics**

### **Financial Aid:**

### **Availability and Requirements in the Department of Economics**

The Department of Economics has several sources of financial aid for domestic and international students. Graduate research assistantships and department scholarships are available on a competitive basis.

#### **Graduate Assistantships in the Department of Economics**

The predominant form of financial aid is the graduate research assistantship which provides a modest monthly stipend and a reduction of tuition to in-state levels. As the number of assistantships is limited, they are granted on a competitive basis. Preference for graduate assistantships are reserved for M.A. students in Economics and dual degree students in which Economics is the primary degree. The department does not offer assistantships to non-MA Economics students.

The requirements for the award and retention of a graduate assistantship:

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 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 and a maximum of twelve 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.

#### **The Richard L. and Betty Shelton Dennis Scholarship in the Department of Economics**

The Richard L. and Betty Shelton Dennis Endowed Scholarship was established to honor Richard Dennis and the memory of Betty Shelton Dennis. The fund is used for students in their senior year or for graduate students majoring in the field of economics. Applicants must demonstrate financial need, a solid academic record, and involvement in student activities and/or research. The Department of Economics will announce scholarship availability, secure applications and select recipients.

#### **The Joan McCrea Memorial Scholarship**

The Joan McCrea Memorial Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to promising students in their pursuit of a degree in economics. The main criterion for selection of a McCrea scholarship is that the applicant must have a strong commitment to the study of economics.

Departmental scholarships are generally offered once a year. Applications are accepted throughout the year. Department scholarships are reserved for exceptional students and the department may award no scholarships in a given academic year.