

## Graduate Student Financial Assistance Information

### Graduate Associateships

Graduate Associateships, the means by which the Department of Theatre funds the majority of its graduate students, provide a full fee waiver and monthly stipend in exchange for 20 hours of service per week during Autumn, Winter, and Spring quarters. In addition, Graduate Associates who hold their positions for Autumn, Winter and Spring are eligible for a full fee waiver in Summer quarter. Graduate associates are typically assigned to one of three areas: teaching in undergraduate courses; working in one of our production studios or box office; or working in the Lawrence and Lee Theatre Research Institute.

There is no separate application process for a Graduate Associateship. Anyone whose admissions application is complete by the April 15 deadline will be considered. Funding decisions are usually based on the number of available Graduate Associateships for the quarter of admission, and the strength of the applicant in relation to the rest of the pool.

Funding for our Graduate Associateships comes from two sources: department funding and Federal Work Study funds. We ask all graduate students to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form by Ohio State's deadline of March 1 so that you can be considered for both kinds of funding. For more information on the FAFSA, visit <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>.

### Graduate Associate Financial Package\*

Item	Ohio Resident	Non-Ohio Resident
Full instructional, general, and technology fees <sup>+</sup> for 4 quarters	\$10,856.00	\$26,900.00
Monthly stipend (\$1030, October-June)	\$9,270.00	\$9,270.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$19,856.00</b>	<b>\$35,900.00</b>

Funding eligibility: MA students are eligible for a maximum of 2 years  
MFA students are eligible for a maximum of 3 years  
Ph.D. students are eligible for a maximum of 4 years

Reappointment: Dependent upon evaluation of performance of duties, progress in degree program, departmental needs, and funding.

\*Based on the figures for 2005-2006

<sup>+</sup>The quarterly COTA fee of \$9, the quarterly student activity fee of \$15, and the quarterly recreation and physical activity fee of \$75 are the responsibility of the student. They are not covered by the departmental fee waiver.

## **Additional Benefits**

### **Health Insurance**

Graduate students enrolled for 5 or more credit hours must carry adequate health insurance. The university provides Student Health Insurance at a reasonable cost for those who aren't covered by another plan.

Graduate Associates have two health plan options. Both Student Health Insurance and University Prime Care (UPC) offer benefits that include medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, and the WholeHealth Discount Program. The university pays \$50 per month towards insurance costs for all Graduate Associates. Graduate Associates are also covered by Workers Compensation.

For more information on the Student Health Insurance programs, visit:

<http://www.shc.ohio-state.edu/shi/>.

### **Parking**

Graduate Associates are eligible for a Staff ID and may purchase "B" (staff) Parking Permits, which allow you to park in more areas than a "C" (student) permit. The 2005-2006 B permit cost is \$285.60.

For more information on parking visit: <http://www.tp.ohio-state.edu/> .

### **Departmental Tickets**

Theatre graduate students receive complimentary tickets to the majority of departmental productions.

### **Wexner Center Memberships**

All OSU students receive a free membership to the Wexner Center for the Arts. Membership entitles you to discounts on performing arts and film tickets, free admission to art exhibitions, and invitations to special events at the Wexner Center. For more information visit: <http://www.wexarts.org> .