What is the possibility of getting a Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) in the Department of Kinesiology?

• Currently, we have 6 “regular” and permanent GTA lines for exercise science students and 6 regular and permanent GTA lines for sport pedagogy students.
• Students are eligible if they are admitted to one of our master’s degree or PhD tracks.
• We have many more applicants than GTA lines so these are extremely competitive.
• From time-to-time we also manage to secure “extra” GTA lines from other sources on campus.
• We may also have extra GTA lines funded through grants and contracts.
• For AL residents, the Federal Assistantship is a possibility.
• You must be fully admitted to Grad School to be considered.

What is the stipend for the regular GTA lines?

As of Fall, 2012 the stipend was $12,366 for two semesters work.

Is there a tuition waiver for regular GTA lines?

Yes, there is a full tuition waiver.

Are there health benefits for regular GTA lines?

Yes

When is the best time to apply for a GTA and are there any deadlines?

• The best time to apply is about three months before the semester in which you plan to begin your degree program.
• Typically, we make decisions about who will be awarded GTA lines for the Fall semester early in the preceding Spring semester.
• However, we have no deadlines and will assign GTA lines late in the spring or summer if they become available.
Typically, we have few GTA lines open in the spring semester. In short, to give yourself the best chance of securing an assistantship, apply early.

How many hours do GTAs work a week?

- Our regular GTA lines are 0.5 FTE which means you would be expected to work 20 hours a week.
- Some of the extra GTA lines we secure are also 0.5 FTE so also require 20 hours work a week.
- Other extra GTA lines we secure are 0.25 FTE which means you would work 10 hours a week.

What are the stipends, tuition waivers, and health benefits for any extra GTA lines the department secures?

- Stipends vary depending on the amount of work expected. Typically 0.25 GTA lines pay $6,183 over 9 months while 0.5 GTA lines will pay $12,366 for 9 months.
- Some of these GTA lines include health benefits and some do not.
- Some of these GTA lines include tuition waivers and some do not. Typically 0.5 GTA lines include a full tuition waiver and 0.25 GTA lines include a half tuition waiver.

What are the duties that regular GTAs perform in the Department of Kinesiology?

- A major part of GTAs’ work is to teach the activity courses within the department’s Basic Physical Education program.
- GTAs also assist professors with their research and academic classes.
- Exercise science GTAs may be assigned duties in the human performance laboratory.
- Sport pedagogy GTAs may be assigned duties in the sport pedagogy laboratory.
- Experienced and qualified GTAs may be asked to teach
undergraduate academic courses for the department.

- Sport pedagogy students may be assigned to supervise student teachers.
- Exercise science students may be assigned to supervise undergraduate exercise and sport science internships.

What kinds of duties are performed by GTAs who are awarded any extra lines?

- Duties vary depending on the source of funding for the GTA line.
- Duties have included working in the educational center at a local state park, teaching physical education in the afterschool programs of local schools, and teaching within the department’s Basic Physical Education program on campus.

Are there opportunities for summer teaching?

Typically, there are some limited opportunities for GTAs to teach during the summer.

Where can I find a GTA application form?

You can find this form on the Department of Kinesiology website

What are Federal Assistantship GTA lines?

- Federal assistantship GTA lines are not allocated by the Department of Kinesiology but through the graduate school. If you are interested in a federal GTA line, the department can supply you with information to get you started with your application.
- Only United States citizens are eligible for Federal GTA lines.
- Federal GTA lines involve working 20 hours a week on campus. The work may or may not be related to Kinesiology.
- The stipend for federal GTA lines is typically higher than for regular GTA lines.
- Federal GTA lines do not include tuition waivers, so are best for in-state students. Note that establishing residency has become
very difficult.

- There are, typically, numerous opportunities for summer work within federal GTA lines.

For Grad Admission information see http://graduate.ua.edu/applicants.html