1. What is a graduate assistantship?
   - A graduate assistantship offers opportunities for students to engage in administrative, research, teaching, and other projects during their graduate study.
   - There are different types of graduate assistantships: **Graduate Assistant (GA):** work 20 hours a week in an administrative position; **Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA):** consists of teaching-related duties under the supervision of a faculty member; **Graduate Research Assistant (GRA):** work with a faculty member on related research agenda or research conducted through external funding by a grant; and **Graduate Teaching Associate (GTA):** is the instructor of record for undergraduate courses in the specific discipline.

2. How do I get a graduate assistantship?
   - **Tip #1:** Most graduate assistantships are offered by a student's graduate program or department. However, students may seek assistantships outside of their specific program or department.
   - **Tip #2:** Graduate assistantship opportunities are also available in nonacademic offices such as the Registrar’s Office, Computer Services, library, and/or the College of Graduate Studies. Please feel free to visit the College of Graduate Studies assistantship page for more information: https://funding.graduate.ucf.edu/seeking_assistantships/.
   - **Tip #3:** We encourage students to ask around, with resume in hand, visiting front offices of various suites around the college and university for information on position openings.
   - **Tip #4:** The College of Education and Human Performance website has a general online graduate assistantship application. Once completed, applications are placed in an applicant pool from which professors and/or offices can view all potential candidates
seeking assistantships. The application can be found at the following link:

http://education.ucf.edu/students_financial.cfm

3. **What does a graduate assistantship entail?**
   - The standard graduate assistantship consists of working 20 hours per week for an academic year (Fall, Spring, and Summer). Assistantships for a single semester and/or that are 10 hours per week are also possible. An assistantship is considered a serious time commitment that requires flexible hours, especially during the day.

4. **Can I be an out-of-state or international student to get a graduate assistantship?**
   - Yes! Any graduate student accepted in a degree program and enrolled **full-time (9 credit hours in the Fall and Spring then 6 credit hours in the Summer)** may apply for a graduate assistantship. Tuition support pays the resident tuition ("in-state" tuition); it does not include payment of local fees (health fee, athletic fee, etc.). It is important to note that the resident tuition rates are only in effect for the terms of the qualifying assistantship appointment.

5. **What are the benefits of a graduate assistantship?**
   - Depending on the assistantship, the benefits include: a full or partial tuition waiver and student health insurance. A stipend for hours worked will depend on the program level. Benefits are very position specific and will be addressed at the time the assistantship is offered.

6. **What is a graduate fellowship?**
   - Differs from a graduate assistantship in that they are given based on merit and academic achievement (i.e., very competitive GRE scores).
   - More often graduate fellowships are awarded to doctoral students.
   - Please visit the College of Graduate Studies website for more information:

   https://funding.graduate.ucf.edu/fellowships/