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A Message from the Vice President for Student Affairs...

Thank you for your interest in the Student Affairs Graduate Assistantship Program at Central Michigan University. We are committed to finding graduate assistants who will foster student success and maximize experiences inside and outside the classroom.

The Student Affairs Graduate Assistantship Program has evolved into a point of pride for the Division of Student Affairs at CMU. The reimagined program is dedicated to enhancing your graduate assistant experience through:

- **Intentional training**, orientation, and professional development sessions to support your transition;
- A strong commitment to your **professional development**, including workshops and presentations from campus leaders;
- Membership to a network of other graduate assistants to collaborate and connect with a competitive **compensation package** that provides impressive financial assistance, along with on-campus housing.

Our priority is to cultivate an environment that allows you to reach your full potential. If you find our Student Affairs Graduate Assistantship Program to be a good fit for you, please review our website for more information about the program at tinyurl.com/CMUSAGradAssistantProgram. Thank you again for your interest in our program!

Sincerely,



Dr. Renee T. Watson
Vice President for Student Affairs

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ABOUT CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.

» Established in 1892, Central Michigan University has more than 11,000 students on its Mount Pleasant campus and another 4,000 enrolled online and at 30 locations across North America. More than 20 percent of CMU's main campus students supplement their on-campus classes with online courses.

Among just five percent of U.S. universities in the highest two Carnegie research classifications, CMU offers approximately 300 academic programs at the undergraduate, master's, specialist and doctoral levels. CMU is a university where students, faculty, staff and alumni learn to pursue excellence, live with compassion and be leaders.

» Student Affairs Graduate Assistantship Program

Our enhanced graduate assistantship program provides students the opportunity to apply their learning inside and outside of the classroom, and to build professional relationships that last their entire career. The GA learning community model and competitive compensation package attracts students from a wide-range of institutions, bringing different set of skills and student affairs experiences to our campus. The diversity of community members along with improved graduate assistant performance from intentional training adds value and impact to the strategic position of the Division of Student Affairs. Our community continues to grow and support connections with a substantial network of alumni around the country.

» Our Vision

To better anticipate and serve the changing needs of college students, Student Affairs will cultivate a graduate assistantship program. The Division of Student Affairs will provide graduate assistantships, as well as exposure to meaningful student development opportunities and professional role modeling. Through ongoing professional development the community model will foster enhanced performance of Student Affairs units as well as support network for aspiring professionals. The GA community will promote collaboration among student affairs units and encourage the integration of best practices in the field.

THE CMU STUDENT BODY

TOTAL
15,465

21.8%

of the student body is composed of ethnic minorities and international students.

GRADUATE
4,031

UNDERGRADUATE
11,434



Our students come from 47 states, as well as Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands.







A community of support....

»» **LIVING ON CAMPUS**

One of the premier features of the graduate assistantship program is the opportunity to live on campus. Graduate assistants are offered a private room in Robinson Hall as part of the compensation package. There is no in-hall or on-call responsibility, simply the benefit of living in a supportive environment in close proximity to where you work. The living and learning community model fosters a support network among graduate assistants within the Division of Student Affairs.

Robinson Hall

Robinson Hall is a smoke-free, residential housing area, located on the north end of campus on Bellows Street, just steps from the Bovee University Center and close to Mission Street as well as downtown Mt. Pleasant. There is a basic fitness center and laundry facility located on the ground floor, and a kitchenette for personal cooking. Your room is equipped with the following items: full size bed frame, full size mattress, wardrobe, coffee table, end table, small bookshelf, desk, desk chair, couch, private bathroom, shower curtain, cable hook-up, telephone and window curtains.



Tobacco Free Campus

Central Michigan University is committed to the health and wellness of its students, faculty, staff and visitors. The use of tobacco products, smoke or smoke-less is prohibited on all CMU campuses, including all parking lots and in university vehicles.

Campus Climate

CMU has a history of and strong sense of community. It's known as a warm and friendly campus, where students smile and greet each other throughout campus. The vast majority of students and staff at CMU recognize the value of diversity in higher education, though our campus is not without challenges.

Applicants are encouraged to explore what it is like to work and live in our community as they seek a career and life that meets their professional and personal needs.



The Student Affairs

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE...

Compensation

This graduate assistantship carries an annual stipend of approximately \$11,000 and 20 hours of tuition remission, which can be applied to your coursework during the fall, spring, and subsequent summer semesters. *This does not apply for non-refundable enrollment fees, student services fees or any special courses fees, which will remain the responsibility of the graduate assistant.*

Tuition is waived at the **standard, on-campus rate**, and enrollment in any graduate program having a tuition rate different than the standard rate will be the responsibility of the student to cover the difference in tuition rates.

As a graduate assistant within the Division of Student Affairs, many assistantships are eligible for on-campus housing in the form of a scholarship. The single-occupancy furnished room is located in Robinson Hall. There is no duty obligation as part of the on-campus housing. All Graduate Assistants within Student Affairs will be required to attend a two day orientation/onboarding experience in August, professional development activities designed for the community that support the ACPA/NASPA/NIRSA competencies, and a year-end showcase experience developed in coordination with the Educational Leadership faculty.

Connection

Membership to a support network of 20+ other Student Affairs graduate assistants and 100+ alumni.

Integrated

Graduate Assistants within the Student Affairs Graduate Assistantship Program are not limited to one specific graduate program or area of study, although preference is given to candidates who pursue Educational Leadership or Higher Education Administration degrees. Commonly graduate assistants pursue the MA in Higher Education, MA in Counseling, Master in Business Administration, Master of Science in Administration, or MA in Sports Administration. Additional information can be found at www.cmich.edu/admissions-aid/graduate-students.



Leadership Development

Intentional orientation training, professional development workshops are value added to the graduate assistant experience.



Application Process

To apply for a graduate assistant position go to tinyurl.com/CMUSAGradAssistantProgram and complete the Graduate Assistant Application online. For any additional information about the Graduate Assistant Application process, please contact **Erica Johnson**, Interim Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, at 989-774-3346 or via email at johns9el@cmich.edu.

Departments will review your application and resume, and qualified applicants will be connected with the hiring department. Hiring departments will then recommend candidates for interviews during our Grad Visitation Days, which will be offered in a hyflex format and take place **March 2-3, 2023**.

Central Michigan University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution. It encourages diversity and provides equal opportunity in education, employment, all of its programs, and the use of its facilities. It is committed to protecting the constitutional and statutory civil rights of persons connected with the university.

Graduate Assistantship Opportunities

Graduate Assistantships are opportunities to gain work experience while taking graduate coursework. The majority of assistantships are academic year contracts beginning in early August and ending in May. Graduate assistants are employed 20 hours per week in various departments within the Division of Enrollment Student Services. The following departments offer graduate assistantships:

- Center for Inclusion and Diversity
- Counseling Center
- Financial Wellness Collaborative
- Mary Ellen Brandell Volunteer Center
- Multicultural Academic Student Services
- Sarah R. Opperman Leadership Institute
- Sexual Agression Peer Advocates
- Student Activities and Involvement
- Institute for Transformative Dialogue
- Undergraduate Admissions
- University Recreation

To learn more about which departments have available assistantships and to view position descriptions please visit tinyurl.com/CMUSAGradAssistantProgram.



Beyond CMU's campus and into **MOUNT PLEASANT...**

There aren't many places like the city of Mount Pleasant. It's a safe, relaxing environment that offers a small-town feel with all the activities and attractions of a city twice its size. From dining and golf, to canoeing to skydiving, you'll find something exciting to do.

Enjoy Mount Pleasant's 15 area parks and discover all that the Chippewa River has to offer. Experience the Zibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways and CMU's Museum of Cultural and Natural History. Explore the historic downtown shops and dining.

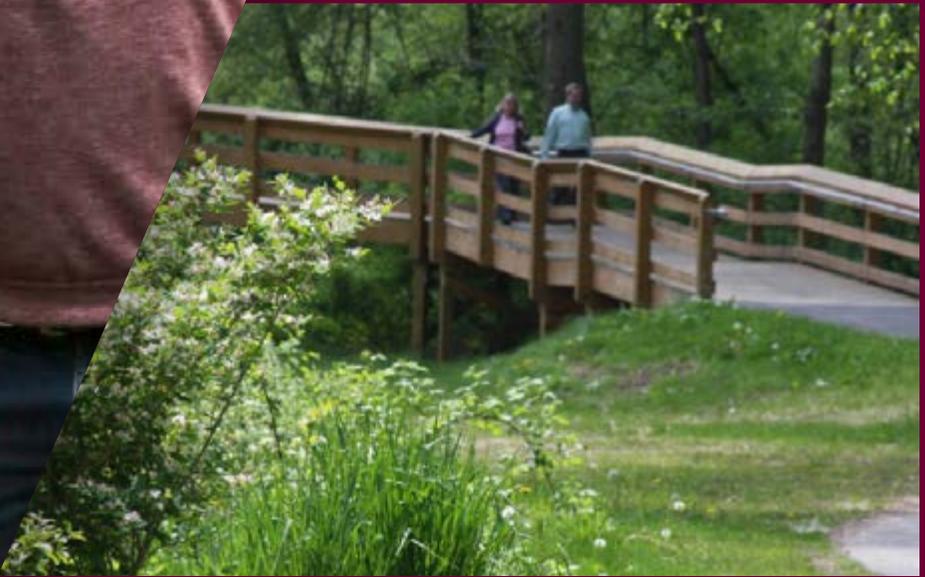
With so much to do, you'll love it here. Additionally, we're only a short drive to Lansing (70 miles), Grand Rapids (85 miles), and to the Lake Michigan shoreline (Grand Haven beaches are 109 miles).

Something for everyone

You'll find plenty of local attractions while taking a study break. Highlights include:

- » Five golf courses in Mount Pleasant and dozens more within a short drive
- » The Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort, with fine dining and top-rate concerts
- » The Zibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways
- » 15 local parks
- » Canoeing, kayaking and tubing on the 80-mile-long Chippewa River
- » The Michigan Vietnam Memorial







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