

General Information for Chemistry Graduate Students

1. HOUSING

If you plan on living on campus, the Mackin Complex houses graduate students. http://www.oswego.edu/student/residential/residence_halls/mackin.html

2. I.D. CARD and EMAIL

It is important that you get your ID card as soon as you get to campus. You will need to go to 504 Culkin Hall – ID and Dining Services. You need to bring a Photo ID (passport, driving license) for the ID card application. Please let them know that you are a Graduate Student in the Chemistry Department. You will need your SUNY ID number before you can activate your email account.

To sign up for email, go to this webpage: <https://www.oswego.edu/email/start.html>

3. REGISTRATION

You have to register for nine credits per semester in order to be full time. Teaching assistantships waives tuition only for nine credits per semester. You may register for more credits but be expected to pay out of pocket. Before you register for any classes, please consult with either the Graduate Coordinator or the Advisement coordinator. You will register for 500 level courses only.

4. TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

The chemistry department has seven TA lines overall and every year we have openings for 3-4 teaching assistantships. Teaching assistantships are contingent upon adequate progress towards a degree and performance as a TA. A teaching assistantship includes a yearly salary in the amount of ~ \$11,000 (exact amount is subject to budget approval) and a yearly tuition award (which will be paid toward tuition) in the amount of \$5,000 (\$2,500 per semester), health, dental, and vision insurance coverage, and retirement benefits. In-state students are expected to pay fees and any remaining balance in their account. Out of state and international students are expected to pay the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition rates, which is around \$180 per credit and fees as well.

5. SUMMER RESEARCH STIPENDS

There are funds available to students as summer research stipends. You need to talk to your research advisor about applying for Graduate School Summer Fellowship or for departmental summer fellowships. Usually, you need to apply for these fellowships around March/April.

6. RESIDENTIAL ASSISTANTSHIPS

There are three types of residential assistantships which are available for the admitted graduate students. All requires you to work 20 hrs per week. In order to be considered for these assistantships, you need to apply to Residence Life and Housing Office at 303 Culkin Hall. For more information about each assistantship and application, please visit:

<http://www.oswego.edu/student/residential/staff/employment/ahd.html>

Graduate Resident Mentors (GRMs) live in apartments on the resident floors in Hart Hall. Along with the Hall Director, Faculty Director and Faculty-in-Residence, GRMs assist in the delivery of the Hart Global Living and Learning Center program. Compensation includes: Tuition waiver (in-state rates) and stipend each semester as well as a fully furnished apartment, basic telephone, free parking, and full meal plan while classes are in session during the Fall and Spring semesters. Stipend amount is pending budgetary allowance and subject to appropriate personal income taxation as determined by the IRS code.

Assistant Hall Directors (AHDs) are part of the professional staff of our larger residence halls. Each of these halls has one Residence Hall Director and one Assistant Hall Director. The AHD assists the RHD in developing a positive community in the hall. Specific duties typically include supervision of the service desk operation as well as overall facilities management. Compensation includes an annual stipend of \$7,000 and tuition assistance for six credits the first semester of employment and nine credits a semester thereafter (in-state rates). A furnished apartment is provided as well as basic telephone service and parking. A full meal program is provided for the AHD and his/her spouse/qualifying domestic partner (subject to annual budgeting approval from Auxiliary Services) while classes are in session for the Fall and Spring semesters.

The **Fitness Centers Graduate Assistant (GA)** serves as the Assistant Manager of our two comprehensive fitness facilities, Cooper and Glimmerglass. Compensation includes Stipend of \$7000 per year (with a \$250 increase for the second year). Full tuition assistance for nine credits per semester (in-state rate), meal plan while classes are in session during the Fall and Spring academic semesters, and free parking permit (\$130.00).

6. FESTA FELLOWSHIP

The Festa Fellowship provides a unique, professional leadership experience in a chosen field of interest offering stipends of up to \$10,000 to support outstanding graduate students who wish to pursue advanced leadership experiences in their

fields of study. Some examples of successful proposals include, shadowing a corporate CEO or other organizational leader, by working on a public policy issue with a legislator or public official, or by developing a significant project for a non-profit organization.

These fellowships are not designed to be traditional internship experiences; they are intended to give the recipient exceptional and unique leadership experiences.

The major goal of this fellowship program is to provide a mentored experience that will help the recipients advance into leadership positions. For application materials and more information about the Festa Graduate Leadership Fellowship, contact us at the Graduate Office at 606 Culkin Hall.