**SARA ASHWORTH GRADUATE STUDENT**

**ASSISTANTSHIP-SCHOLARSHIP**

**AWARD (SITL SA GSA-S)**

**PURPOSE OF INITIATIVE**

The purpose of this new SITL program is to further develop Spectrum research and teaching world-wide.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

What and for Whom?

• For graduate students pursuing a doctoral or master’s degree

• An award will fund costs associated with the completion of the degree at the given graduate student recipient’s university

• Fundable items include stipend, tuition and fees, fringe for university, escalation from year to year, and costs associated with the student’s Spectrum research

• Funding for a master’s degree up to 2 years and doctoral degree up to 4 years

• Required outcomes of an award recipient include presenting and publishing Spectrum research

Academic Advisor

• Criteria to serve as an academic advisor of an assistantship-scholarship recipient includes an established record of Spectrum research and teaching the Spectrum.

• An academic advisor will receive an annual stipend while overseeing an assistantship-scholarship recipient.

**APPLICATION**

The academic advisor of a potential assistantship-scholarship recipient must complete and submit the *Application Packet*. If an assistantship-scholarship is awarded based on the evaluation of the *Application Packet*, the academic advisor in conjunction with the assistantship-scholarship recipient must complete and submit the *Graduate Student Information Form*. The awarding of assistantship-scholarships each year is a competitive process. The steps to apply are described on back side of this form.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR STUDENTS BEGINNING A PROGRAM OF STUDY IN 2026**

*Application Packets* are due July 31, 2025, for assistantship-scholarship recipients who plan to begin a program of study during the 2026 calendar year (i.e., between January 1-December 31, 2026). Up to five assistantship-scholarships to be awarded globally in 2026.

**STEPS IN APPLICATION PROCESS**

Step 1

The **academic advisor** of a potential assistantship-scholarship recipient must complete and submit the *Application Packet*.

Step 2

*Application Packets* received will first be evaluated to determine if eligibility requirements to serve as an academic advisor have been met. *Application Packets* deemed eligible will then be evaluated for quality of the academic advisor’s Spectrum scholarship and experiences and global distribution of awarded assistantships-scholarships. The awarding of the assistantship-scholarships is a competitive process.

Step 3

A letter indicating whether an assistantship-scholarship has been awarded or not awarded will be forwarded to the academic advisor of each application packet evaluated.

Step 4

For application packets awarded, the **academic advisor** in conjunction with the **graduate student recipient** must complete the *Graduate Student Information Form*. This form must be submitted no later than three months prior to the graduate student recipient beginning their program of studies within the given year for which it is awarded.

Step 5

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the SITL and academic advisor’s university will be written as soon as the *Graduate Student Information Form* has been received. Once the MOU has been finalized, funds will be dispersed for the first year, and thereafter for each subsequent year of study.

**Application materials are available at**

<https://spectrumofteachingstyles.org>

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