Graduate Assistantship Process for Graduate Students

A Graduate Assistantship is an employment position on campus available to qualified students who are working toward a graduate degree at the University of Northern Iowa. They may only be held by full-time students who are in residence during the time of their appointment. A graduate assistant receives a salary for services rendered to the University. Graduate Assistantships are awarded at full-time (20 hours per week) or halftime (10 hours per week).

Graduate Assistantship are available in both academic and non-academic departments. Application forms are available on the Graduate College website and can be found by using either of the below links:
https://grad.uni.edu/graduate-students-forms-resources-and-information
or
https://www.grad.uni.edu/graduate-college-forms

Graduate Assistantship applications should be submitted to the department you are applying to no later than February 1 for full consideration for the next academic year support.

Graduate Assistantship applications are reviewed by the department. Once the department makes their decision they complete paperwork that is sent to the Graduate College for review and an official offer is sent to the student by the Graduate College (if the student meets all requirements). Timing of decisions and offers vary by departments but official offers are usually sent out by early April.

The Graduate Assistantship eligibility requirements are as follows: (not all requirements need to be met to receive an offer but must be met to receive award)
1. Student must be enrolled for at least 9 qualifying graduate credit hours (workshops, off-campus courses, audit courses, guided independent study (correspondence) can not be used as part of this minimum load).
2. Student must have an official transcript on file in the Office of Admissions showing that their bachelors (or any other required) degree has been conferred.
3. Student must be unconditionally admitted to degree status in a graduate degree program.
4. Student needs to be declared in their graduate degree program.
5. Student must have and maintain a degree plan grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher during the entire semester. First semester graduate students must have at least a 3.0 undergraduate GPA. If GPA drops below a 3.0 the assistantship will end.