

Sport Administration Graduate Assistantships

What are graduate assistantships (GA)?

A GA position is an employment arrangement whereby a graduate student works 20 hours per week for a specific BSU department in exchange for tuition reimbursement, a stipend, and other [perks](#). The student does not have to pay some [dedicated fees](#). The department and designated supervisor will assign GA duties. Tasks are often in the form of teaching, administration, or research. For more information see the [employment and graduate assistantships](#) page, as well as the [frequently asked questions page](#), on the BSU Graduate School website.

Where do sport administration students typically get GA positions?

Students pursuing a master's degree in sport administration typically earn GA positions in three areas:

1. [School of Physical Education, Sport and Exercise Science \(SPESES\)](#) - There are 1-2 new positions each fall reserved for graduate students within the sport administration specialization. These positions require the students to teach one or two physical activity classes in our PFW curriculum, and complete the remainder of their 20 hours assisting a faculty member with research.
Note Sport Administration graduate assistants within SPESES must be available on campus for the entire duration of fall and spring semesters to fulfill their responsibilities as a graduate assistant.*
2. [Department of Intercollegiate Athletics](#) - Ball State University is a Division I member of the NCAA with 19 varsity sports. There are several GA positions within the athletic department that involve a wide range of sport related careers (e.g., marketing, operations, development, coaching, etc.). Students interested in a GA position within the athletic department, or on a specific team, should contact the individual director of the area in which they are interested-or the head coach-for application information.
3. [Recreation Services](#) - The Ball State Recreation Services Department offers a variety of recreation opportunities that include fitness classes, aquatics, intramurals, outdoor pursuits, club sports, and access to a variety of excellent health and wellness facilities. The most recent addition to the recreation department is the \$39 million, 200,000-square-foot [Student Recreation and Wellness Center](#). GA positions are offered throughout the Recreation Services Department. Interested students should contact the department directly, or visit the [employment opportunities](#) page.

Other Areas - There are other areas on the Ball State Campus where students can find GA opportunities. To view open positions, students should visit [Cardinal ViewJobs](#) managed by the Career Center. The best time to view these positions is typically from January-April, as this is the time when GA opportunities are posted for the upcoming fall semester.