



3. Availability of funds;

adjust assignments as necessary due to loss of funding, course enrollment fluctuations, or other unanticipated events, even after the semester has begun.

- G. Termination of Assistantships: An assistantship may be terminated within the term of the appointment under unusual and compelling conditions, for causes specified in institution's graduate assistant handbook.
  
- H. Best Practices for Research Institutions: To the extent feasible, given the nature of the graduate programs in the departments of a research institution, departments are encouraged to:
  - 1. Provide information to newly admitted graduate students who will receive assistantships, upon admission into a graduate program, or as soon thereafter as is feasible, regarding:
    - a. An estimate of the potential additional length of time that the graduate student may be re-appointed, if the student remains in good standing and financial or other exigencies do not arise;
    - b. The financial benefits of the assistantship, including tuition assistance, stipends and other benefits;
    - c. An estimate of fees to be paid to the institution by the student that are

- a. The panel will consist of a graduate student, as well as faculty members or administrators, who have no direct relationship with the department at issue or the individual parties to the grievance.
- b. Either party to the grievance may request that a panel member be

IV. Professional Development

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2. For graduate assistants with appointments of less than 12 months or 20 hours per week, the institution shall establish policies for time away from duty that may include breaks and holidays in the academic year, any specified total hour commitments in the graduate assistant's appointment letter, and other campus-

over issues of concern to graduate assistants, including stipends, benefits and terms of appointments.

1. The institution will give serious consideration to the information, views, and suggestions gained from the meet and confer process in any relevant policy decisions regarding graduate assistants. Agreements reached during the

