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ICS Financial Aid Information

The Department offers three forms of financial aid: teaching assistantships, research assistantships, and tuition waivers. Teaching and research assistants work approximately 20 hours per week under the supervision of a faculty member. Teaching assistants support instruction and research assistants support extramurally funded research projects. Teaching assistants and research assistants receive a stipend (currently starting at \$12,294 for teaching and \$14,382 for research) as well as a tuition waiver.

The Department offers a limited number of assistantships each semester, and most are teaching assistantships. Teaching assistantships are awarded to those applicants who can best support the instructional program. Successful applicants typically have an undergraduate degree in computer science and an excellent command of English equivalent to a TOEFL score of 600 or higher. Similarly, research assistantships are awarded to those applicants who can best assist faculty with their research projects.

Applicants accepted for admission may be eligible for Graduate Division Tuition Waivers, and foreign applicants from Pacific or Asian countries accepted for admission may be eligible for Pacific-Asian Scholarships. Both awards cover tuition only. Foreign applicants must submit TOEFL scores and documentation of financial support for expenses other than tuition. These should be sent to the Graduate Division Admissions office prior to submitting a Graduate Division Tuition Waiver or Pacific-Asian Scholarship application form.

To apply for any of these forms of support, fill out and return the ICS Graduate Assistantship Application (<http://www.ics.hawaii.edu/programs/ms/ga-app.pdf>) along with three letters of recommendation using the Graduate Assistantship Evaluation Form (<http://www.ics.hawaii.edu/programs/ms/ga-eval.pdf>).

We encourage you to also seek other forms of support because we can offer assistance to only a small fraction of applicants. The East-West Center (<http://www.ewc.hawaii.edu/>) is one alternative source of support. One local resource on financial aid is CASH (Computer-Assisted Scholarship Help), a database of over a thousand scholarships (<http://dbserver.its.hawaii.edu/cash/>). The University of Hawaii Foundation provides a booklet of scholarships it administers, available through academic advisers or at the UH Library. Students may also contact Financial Aid Services or the chairs of their departments