

**UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY**  
**Financial Assistance for Graduate Students**

**GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS**

**Students should indicate their desire to be considered for Graduate Assistantships when applying for admission to the Speech-Language Pathology program at UCA by completing the Departmental Financial Aid Application.**

**University of Central Arkansas Research Assistant/Graduate Teaching Assistant** - The University provides support for Research and Graduate Teaching Assistant positions within our department. Graduate Assistants will receive a tuition scholarship and a monthly stipend during the term of appointment (Fall, Spring and Summer I). The total amount of the award is \$4,400. Graduate Assistants will be assigned to work 10 hours per week assisting a faculty mentor with a range of duties such as library searches, preparation of research/grant proposals, assisting with teaching, and other administrative duties. **Twelve positions will be available to students during their 1<sup>st</sup> year of graduate school.**

**University of Central Arkansas Graduate Assistant** - The University provides support for Graduate Assistant positions in a variety of campus departments. These assistants work within the departments completing clerical or other administrative duties that are related to the student's education and career objectives. Graduate Assistants work 20 hours per week with an award of at least \$7000.

**Arkansas Children's Hospital Assistantship**

Arkansas Children's Hospital (ACH) located in Little Rock, Arkansas (30 miles from Conway) provides support for a Graduate Assistant (GA) position. This GA is paid directly by ACH and is actually an employee for ACH. Typically the ACH GA works 16 hours a week for 12 months at a rate of \$10.00 an hour. The total amount of this award may be as much as \$8300 per year. This GA works with speech language pathologists at ACH developing therapy materials, completing administrative duties and assisting with patient care. **Available to students in their 1<sup>st</sup> year of graduate school.**

**LOANS & CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT**

The Financial Aid Office is primarily responsible for the processing of Federal Title IV aid and coordinating federal aid with other funds, such as scholarships. Title IV aid includes Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Federal College Work Study, Federal Perkins Loans and the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFEL).

Most federal programs require the student to complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. The FAFSA gathers information that is used to determine the relative financial strength of the student's family or the "need" for assistance. Please note that eligibility criteria for each of the programs varies. Students may be able to establish need for all programs while others are able to establish eligibility for one program but not all programs. Information about applying for financial aid at UCA can be found at the Financial Aid web site <http://www.uca.edu/divisions/admin/finaid/>.

**Campus Employment:** UCA offers two work programs on campus. One is need based Federal College Work Study and the other is non-need based UCA Employment. Both programs require students to provide documentation of their eligibility to work including a copy of their Social Security card. Contact the UCA Financial Aid Office at [finaid@uca.edu](mailto:finaid@uca.edu) or 501 450-3140 to receive information about forms which must be completed to determine eligibility for loans and work-study positions.

## **TRAINEESHIPS**

**Students will be notified of traineeships and application procedures prior to the semester that the traineeships become available.**

**Arch Ford Educational Cooperative Traineeship**—Trainees participate in supervised clinical practicum for 9 months (15 hours per week) by providing services to children 3 to 5 years old at preschools and daycare centers in the Central Arkansas area starting mid August and ending early May. Trainees will follow the holiday schedule at the site and not the UCA academic calendar. Some travel is involved. A stipend of approximately \$2500 is paid to the student in monthly installments. Arch Ford typically awards 2-4 traineeships per year. **Available to students in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of graduate school**

**MiChild Traineeship** —Trainees participate in supervised clinical practicum at a private clinic in Russellville, Arkansas. A minimum of 15 hours per week, Tuesdays and Thursdays for either the Fall, Spring or Summer semester. A stipend of \$1000 will be paid to the trainee. Trainees will follow the holiday schedule at the site and not the UCA academic calendar. One traineeship will be awarded each semester. **Available to students in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of graduate school**

**Pulaski County Tri-District Early Childhood Program Traineeship**—The Trainee participates in supervised clinical practicum, 15 hours per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays providing services to 3-5 year olds in designated facilities in Pulaski County. The traineeship runs continuously from Sept. 1 to early May following the NLR public school calendar not the UCA academic calendar. A stipend of \$2500 is paid to the student in monthly installments. Pulaski County will offer 1-2 traineeships per year. **Available to students in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of graduate school**

**Timber Ridge Ranch Traineeship**---Trainees participate in supervised clinical practicum at the Timber Ridge Ranch, a residential facility for clients with traumatic brain injury located in Benton about 50 miles from UCA. The trainee will participate in hands-on learning and provide staff support to the speech-language pathologists employed at the facility. The trainee will be at the facility two days a week for 15 hours per week and will receive a stipend of \$500 per month. This traineeship runs for 2 to 3 semesters. Trainees will follow the holiday schedule at the site and not the UCA academic calendar. **Available to students during their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of graduate school**

**Veterans Administration Level I Master's Traineeship**—Trainees participate in supervised clinical practicum at the VA Hospital in Little Rock and North Little Rock, Arkansas. This traineeship provides a stipend of between \$3000-\$4000 depending on the total number of hours worked. The traineeship runs from mid-August to the end of December. Trainees will be required to be at the site all day, Monday-Thursday. They will follow the holiday schedule at the site and not the UCA academic calendar. Traineeships will be available in 2011-2012, 2013-2014 contingent on funding. **Available to students in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of graduate school**

**Traineeships and Assistantships will be awarded on a competitive basis by faculty to students who have been accepted to the Graduate Program in Speech-Language Pathology.**