

## Graduate Student Assistantship Application

Liberty University is a distinctively and consciously Christian University. Faculty members share a Christian worldview and have committed themselves to a doctrinal statement in accord with the historic creeds and the evangelical tradition. Our graduate students come here to be part of this environment and we ask them to be conscious and respectful of Liberty's commitment. We do, however, welcome students of all persuasions who wish to study with us.

Graduate Teaching Assistants, while they are graduate students, nevertheless share some functions and identity with the faculty. Hence we include on the application questions regarding your religious experience and position and we retain the right to give preference in appointments to those who are in accord with Liberty's commitments.

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The following definitions will be used for all graduate teaching assistants at Liberty University.

- A. "Graduate Teaching Assistant": GTA is the generic term employed by accrediting associations to include all of the categories below, and hence used at Liberty University only in that same meaning. All GTA's are graduate students in the respective department's program, assigned to a specific professor in that department for supervision and evaluation with specific responsibilities, and receiving a stipend and/or tuition rebate as determined by the department or school/college.
- B. "Graduate Assistant": Any graduate student with specific assigned instructional responsibilities.
- C. "Teaching Assistant": An advanced graduate student with a minimum of 18 graduate credit hours in the field with substantial teaching responsibilities.
- D. "Teaching Fellow": A doctoral student with a completed master's degree (or equivalent) with full teaching responsibilities for a course.

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### Personal Information

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

**Student I.D. #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Social Security #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Telephone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

(If different from above)

I am a (please check) \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen \_\_\_\_\_ International Student

Are you eligible to work in the United States? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If you are identified to work for the University, you will be required to complete an Employment Eligibility Verification Form (I-9) and present documentation as to your identity and employment eligibility. If you are unable to comply with this requirement, the University cannot lawfully hire you as an employee (Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986).

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than minor traffic violations? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

*Note: An affirmative answer is not an automatic bar to employment.*

If yes, describe in full, including date(s) and disposition of case. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Doctrinal Statement

We affirm our belief in one God, infinite Spirit, creator, and sustainer of all things, who exists eternally in three persons, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. These three are one in essence but distinct in person and function.

We affirm that the Father is the first person of the Trinity and the source of all that God is and does. From Him the Son is eternally generated and from Them the Spirit eternally proceeds. He is the designer of creation, the speaker of revelation, the author of redemption, and the sovereign of history.

We affirm that the Lord Jesus Christ is the second person of the Trinity. Eternally begotten from the Father, He is God. He was conceived by the virgin Mary through a miracle of the Holy Spirit. He lives forever as perfect God and perfect man: two distinct natures inseparably united in one person.

We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, proceeding from the Father and the Son and equal in deity. He is the giver of all life, active in the creating and ordering of the universe; He is the agent of inspiration and the new birth; He restrains sin and Satan; and He indwells and sanctifies all believers.

We affirm that all things were created by God. Angels were created as ministering agents, though some, under the leadership of Satan, fell from their sinless state to become agents of evil. The universe was created in six historical days and is continuously sustained by God; thus it both reflects His glory and reveals His truth. Human beings were directly created, not evolved, in the very image of God. As reasoning moral agents, they are responsible under God for understanding and governing themselves and the world.

We affirm that the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, though written by men, was supernaturally inspired by God so that all its words are written true revelation of God; it is therefore inerrant in the originals and authoritative in all matters. It is to be understood by all through the illumination of the Holy Spirit, its meaning determined by the historical, grammatical, and literary use of the author's language, comparing Scripture with Scripture.

We affirm that Adam, the first man, willfully disobeyed God, bringing sin and death into the world. As a result, all persons are sinners from conception, which is evidenced in their willful acts of sin; and they are therefore subject to eternal punishment, under the just condemnation of a holy God.

We affirm that Jesus Christ offered Himself as a sacrifice by the appointment of the Father. He fulfilled the demands of God by His obedient life, died on the cross in full substitution and payment for the sins of all, was buried, and on the third day He arose physically and bodily from the dead. He ascended to heaven where He now intercedes for all believers.

We affirm that each person can be saved only through the work of Jesus Christ, through repentance of sin and by faith alone in Him as Savior. The believer is declared righteous, born again by the Holy Spirit, turned from sin, and assured of heaven.

We affirm that the Holy Spirit indwells all who are born again, conforming them to the likeness of Jesus Christ. This is a process completed only in Heaven. Every believer is responsible to live in obedience to the Word of God in separation from sin.

We affirm that a church is a local assembly of baptized believers, under the discipline of the Word of God and the lordship of Christ, organized to carry out the commission to evangelize, to teach, and to administer the ordinances of believer's baptism and the Lord's Table. Its offices are pastors and deacons, and it is self governing. It functions through the ministry of gifts given by the Holy Spirit to each believer.

We affirm that the return of Christ for all believers is imminent. It will be followed by seven years of great tribulation, and then the coming of Christ to establish His earthly kingdom for a thousand years. The unsaved will then be raised and judged according to their works and separated forever from God in hell. The saved, having been raised, will live forever in heaven in fellowship with God.

**Please attach a brief autobiographical sketch that includes (1) your spiritual history and salvation experience, and (2) your agreement with Liberty's doctrinal position. (Be specific about any items with which you disagree or about which you are unclear.)**

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**Residence Status:** Virginia Resident \_\_\_\_ Out-of-State \_\_\_\_

Are you currently employed by LU? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, do you plan to continue working at LU if offered a graduate assistantship? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, how many hours per week will you continue to work at LU? \_\_\_\_\_ per week

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**Program Information: (Credit hours must total at least 9 hours each semester)**

Anticipated Credit Load: Year \_\_\_\_ Fall (credit hours) \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_ Spring (credit hours) \_\_\_\_

Anticipated Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Year)

Program of Study: Master's Program \_\_\_\_ Doctoral \_\_\_\_ Specific Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Field: \_\_\_\_\_ Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Assignment: (Please attach a current Curriculum Vitae/Resume, include all courses taken in the field, both Undergraduate and Graduate)**

How many hours per week would you like to work? 10 \_\_\_\_ 15 \_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_

What hours would you be available to work? M \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ Th \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have an assignment preference? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If yes, with whom? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Graduate Assistant:**

Have you worked as a graduate assistant in the past? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, in which academic year did you work? \_\_\_\_\_

For whom did you work? \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number of supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Teaching Assistant or Fellow:**

Are you interested in a teaching assignment? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

**My prior GTA experience includes:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Financial Information:**

Are you receiving financial support from another source(s) (i.e. VTAG, Dependent Grant-in-aid, federal grants/loans, etc.): Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If yes, what source(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Required Attachments:**

- Curriculum Vitae/Resume
- Autobiography

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I certify that the information I have submitted here is complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I will notify the Office of Graduate Admissions of any changes.

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Background & Reference Investigation Authorization & Release for Employment Purposes

As part of its employment screening and selection procedures, Liberty University (hereafter referred to as "Company") requires that a background investigation and a check of references be conducted. The objectives of the investigation are to verify information provided during the application process, investigate references and identify any factors that might be inconsistent with Company employment requirements.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give Company permission and authority to conduct a background investigation and  
(Applicant's name)  
reference check into my past and current activities. I understand and consent to an investigation that may include, but is not limited to, information as to my personal character, general reputation, verification of previous employment and employment references, verification of education, credit history, motor vehicle driving record, social security wage information, criminal records and other information contained in public records.

I authorize and request any Former Employers, Schools, Police Departments, States, Cities and Counties, or any other Person to furnish Company concerning:

My Work Habits	Character	Criminal Record	Reasons for Termination
Reputation	Driver Record	Salary History	Workers' Comp Claims
Education History	Credit History		

And all other relevant information requested by Company.

**By checking this box, I am indicating my present employer should NOT be contacted.**

I hereby release all Persons, Companies, Corporations, Schools, or individual from all liability and responsibility that may result from providing Company with such information as requested.

I understand that if hired, my employment is for no definite period of time, consistent with state law, and may be terminated with or without cause and with or without notice, at any time, at the option of either Company or myself. No employee, representative, manager, official or supervisor of Company other than the Human Resource Office has any authority to enter into any agreement for employment for a specified period of time or make any agreement relative to employment that is contrary to the foregoing. Any such employment agreement will be in writing, signed by the designated officer and clearly specifying its term.

If I am not hired due to information contained in the background screen report, I will be notified in writing and a copy of the said report will be supplied to me with a written summary of my rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act of 1970 as amended in 1996.

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Applicant's Full Name: First, Middle, Maiden, Last

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number

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Current Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

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Driver's License Number and Issuing State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date