

Financial Assistance

- Teaching/Research Assistantships are available for full time MS and PhD students to work 50% of the time (20 hours per week).
- Half-time clinical appointments are available for qualified ODs with a Texas license.
- Other fellowships are available from federal agencies and national organizations.
- Competitive funds from National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Program are available for eligible ODs and other post-doctoral students who qualify.

Graduate Tuition Fellowship (GTF)

- Doctoral graduate students must be in good standing and currently enrolled in the College of Optometry Physiological Optics/ Vision Science graduate program to be eligible for the GTF. The GTF will provide funding for 9 SCH (semester credit hours) for fall and spring and for summer hours as permitted.
- To be considered for funding, a student must have an undergraduate degree or its equivalent and be admitted to a UH College of Optometry graduate program, devoting full time (9 credit hours per semester and summer hours up to 6 as permitted) effort toward a PhD.
- Continuing students must have shown satisfactory progress in the degree program as defined by the College of Optometry graduate program in Physiological Optics/ Vision Science.
- Continuing students must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.00 (all digits significant) in the PhD program.
- Doctoral degree seeking students generally may hold the fellowship for six academic years.
- Graduate students holding the fellowship must agree not to be employed for more than 20 hours per week (50% FTE) as a tuition eligible Research Assistant, Teaching Assistant, Teaching Fellow, or Instructional Assistant without prior approval. Violation of this provision will result in withdrawal of the funding during the semester in which the violation occurs.
- The Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research with advice, as needed, from the Graduate Review Committee, will decide on an annual basis the number of awards to qualified students based upon funds available.
- Distribution of GTF positions, the number available, and policies will be reviewed as resources change.