

Poultry Science

Graduate Program

## Information for Students

### ***Health Insurance***

Health insurance is available through UGA and students with assistantships are required to participate in the UGA Mandatory Student Health Insurance plan. Administered by GM-Southwest, this plan is accident and sickness insurance policy that includes diagnosis and treatment of illness, injury, or medical conditions. If you have other insurance and wish to opt out, you must submit a waiver form to the graduate school. Click [here](#) to go to the GM-Southwest site.

### ***Housing***

The Family and Graduate Housing community at UGA offers one(1)- and two(2)-bedroom unfurnished apartments. Applications may be obtained from the Family and Graduate Housing Office, or on the Web <http://housing.uga.edu/family-graduate>. To qualify for residency, students must be married or in a domestic partnership, be single parents with one or more dependents, be students with legal dependent(s), or be single graduate students.

### ***Graduate School Grants and Awards for Current Students***

Doctoral assistantships are awarded each year on a competitive basis to allow students in their final year of study to devote time to the completion of their dissertation. Contact the [graduate coordinator](#) to be nominated for this award.

#### ***Excellence in Research By Graduate Students Award***

This award recognizes outstanding research by graduate students. Five awards of \$1,000 are given annually. Contact the graduate coordinator to be nominated for this award.

#### ***Excellence in Teaching By Graduate Students Award***

The University recognizes the significant contribution graduate students make to the instructional mission of the University with two separate awards: The Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award and the Excellence in Teaching Award, sponsored by the Graduate School. Nominees must have fulfilled TA Policy, have taught at least once within the last two terms, and be enrolled fulltime in the semester of application. For more information, visit the [Center for Teaching & Learning](#).

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### ***Doctoral Student Travel Grants***

Travel grants are for students at an advanced stage in their degree and are presenting the results of their dissertation findings. Students invited to present at a meeting of regional or national importance can apply for travel funding from the graduate school through the graduate coordinator. See <http://www.grad.uga.edu/financial/travel.html> for more information.

### ***Available External Grants and Awards***

Graduate students that are awarded grants come out ahead of the pack because they have already demonstrated their ability to obtain funding for their work. There are many grant opportunities out there for graduate students. See the current grant opportunities page for some potential grants that are applicable to the fields of Poultry Science and Avian Biology.

### ***Helpful Writing Resources***

Writing is a major part of the degree program, both in the production of a thesis/dissertation and the publishing of manuscripts. Writing does not always come easy and there are UGA-based and web resources that can help you:

The UGA writing Center - <http://writingcenter.english.uga.edu/>

How to write papers in a scientific journal format:

<http://abacus.bates.edu/~ganderso/biology/resources/writing/HTWgeneral.html>

How to write like a scientist:

[http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career\\_magazine/previous\\_issuess/articles/2012\\_03\\_23/carecredit.a1200033](http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career_magazine/previous_issuess/articles/2012_03_23/carecredit.a1200033)

### ***Mental Health Resources***

Graduate school can be overwhelming and hectic at times. If you are feeling stressed and need to talk to someone, people are available to talk to on an appointment or walk-in basis at the Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS) office at the University Health Center:

<https://www.uhs.uga.edu/caps/resources.html>