

CAREER PROFILES

Post-Secondary Teaching and Research Assistants:

Post-secondary teaching and research assistants assist university professors, community college and CEGEP teachers and other faculty members in teaching and research activities at universities and colleges.

Wage/Salary Information:

\$53,298.11 is the median annual salary found in national job-postings.

\$25.62/hour is the median wage reported locally.

Commonly Listed Skills in Job Postings:

- Detail oriented
- Teamwork
- Mathematics
- Oral and written communication
- Work independently
- Self-motivated
- Organizational skills
- Problem solving
- Adaptability
- Management
- Time management
- Teaching
- Leadership
- Presentation skills

Job Duties:

Post-secondary teaching and research assistants' main duties are the following:

- Grade examinations, term papers and laboratory reports.
- Compile research results and assist professors in the analysis of results and the preparation of journal articles or papers.

Post-secondary teaching assistants may perform all or some of the following duties:

- Conduct literature reviews, surveys, laboratory experiments and other research for use in scholarly publications.

- Conduct seminars, discussion groups and laboratory sessions to supplement lectures.
- Assist in the preparation and administration of examinations.

Research assistants may perform all or some of the following duties:

- Organize reference materials, visual aids and other materials as required by university professors or college teachers for lectures.

Working Conditions:

Post-secondary teaching and research assistants work on university and college campuses. They do teaching or research while they complete the coursework required to get their degree.

Teaching assistants and research assistants typically work in an office setting. They may have access to a supervising professor's office, however, it is more common for them to use a larger office that is available for all graduate students. Teaching and research assistants may also work from home.

Teaching assistants often have the flexible schedules common to other college and university faculty. Work levels fluctuate, and can become stressful depending on the task and the teaching/research assistant's own coursework load.

Work may be seasonal, with lower employment usually from May to August. However, some teaching and research assistants may still work during these months.

Career Pathways:

Post-secondary teaching and research assistants are employed by universities and colleges. Below are potential career pathways for post-secondary teaching and research assistants:

- College laboratory assistant
- College teaching assistant
- Graduate assistant – university
- Post-secondary research assistant
- University research assistant

Check out more possible career pathways on [WEexplore](#).

Education and Training Pathways:

If you're interested in becoming a post-secondary teaching and/or research assistant, you must usually be enrolled in, or have completed, a university degree or college program.

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