

# Graduate Assistants United

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**USF GRADUATE ASSISTANTS TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNIVERSITY  
Graduate Assistants Seek Fair Compensation, Benefits, and Relief from Fees**

**When:** Friday, June 20th, 2:00p

**Where:** USF Student Services Center Room 2070 (SVC2070)

(Tampa, FL) On Friday June 20th, Graduate assistants (GA's) at USF will begin negotiations with the University of South Florida for the 2014-2017 collective bargaining agreement. Hard-working graduate assistants will stand alongside faculty and staff to demand fair compensation, better benefits, and relief from employee fees.

Graduate assistants comprise over half of the total instructional labor for the university, and are an invaluable part of critical research projects. Graduate assistants at USF are key to USF's mission as a Research One University, and are vital to its aspirations to gain membership in the Association of American Universities (AAU), and also to achieve pre-eminence.

In order for USF to recruit and retain the highest quality graduate assistants and to achieve its strategic goals, it should ensure that GA's are competitively compensated for their work, that they have access to quality benefits, and that they are relieved from employee fees, which currently comprise 12% of an average GA's modest take-home pay.

USF Graduate Assistants United looks forward to reaching an agreement with the USF Board of Trustees to meet our mutual goals.

**ABOUT**

United Faculty of Florida - USF Graduate Assistants United represents over 2,000 graduate assistants at the University of South Florida. UFF-USF-GAU is affiliated with the Florida Education Association, National Education Association and American Federation of Teachers.

