

VISION FOR GRADUATE ASSISTANT ENGAGEMENT

Graduate assistantships in the Department of Agricultural Education and Communication provide a meaningful student experience, opening opportunities for professional development and playing an active role in the department's community. A highly integrated role with strong engagement requires an attitude of integrity and professionalism that models the behavior of staff and faculty within the department. This includes, but is not limited to wearing appropriate attire, practicing mindful and respectful behavior of others, and the timely fulfillment of duties assigned by the faculty you have been assigned to assist. Due to the campus-wide high-visibility of AEC graduate assistants, the role requires active awareness and participation in AEC activities, such as AECGSA and departmental-wide activities and events. Full engagement in an AEC graduate assistant position includes maintaining a physical presence in the office appropriate for your appointment. As with any departmental role, full engagement while an AEC graduate assistant is a tremendous opportunity for professional growth and future career success.

The Department admits applicants with the highest integrity because of the highly influential position you hold in building the local and national reputation and standing of the Department. A role with this great of responsibility requires proactive contributions to the positive and professional work environment in the Department. This includes maintaining professional interactions, fulfilling all assigned duties in an exemplary manner, recognizing their professional role as teachers and mentors of undergraduate students, corresponding in a timely and professional manner via email and other means, maintaining the professional appearance of their desk/office space, being physically present in the Department academic environment, and working collaboratively with faculty supervisor(s) and others in the Department and University.