

## **Binghamton University – Services for Students with Disabilities Graduate Assistantship for Academic Support**

The Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) office operates under the Division of Student Affairs and offers a wide range of assistance to Binghamton University students with physical, learning or other disabilities. Its mission is to facilitate the educational and personal development of Binghamton University students with disabilities and to collaborate with colleagues across Divisions to enhance the architectural and attitudinal accessibility of the campus environment. The office serves a multidimensional role as service provider, educator and advocate for equal access. SSD embraces a vision for itself and the University in which it is recognized as a premier disability services provider in higher education, reflecting a demonstrated University-wide commitment to excellence in disability access and inclusion.

The SSD Graduate Assistant position is an integral part of the Assistive Technology Program within the department.

### **Description of Duties:**

The GA is responsible for the management of the Assistive Technology Program. Duties include managing the acquisition of alternate format textbooks and their distribution to students. Duties also include training students on appropriate software throughout the semester. Software includes the following:

- Kurzweil/Firefly – text to speech program with mobile app
- Dragon Naturally Speaking
- Zoomtext
- Livescribe Pens

### **Qualifications:**

Candidates must be accepted into a Binghamton University graduate program for the 2019-2020 academic year. The successful candidate must have:

- A background in education and/or special education coursework.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including comfort and ability with public speaking;
- Demonstrated strengths in organization and attention to detail
- Effective problem-solving and active listening skills
- Comfort reaching out to and working with diverse students having various disabilities
- Good Microsoft Word computing skills, with ability and willingness to quickly develop proficiency in various adaptive computer technologies.

### **Stipend:**

This assistantship includes a salary stipend for the 2019-2020 academic year with a base stipend of \$10,000. This position is represented by the Graduate Student Employees Union (GSEU) and the stipend includes all potential union-negotiated raises applicable for the academic year. Twenty hours of work per week is expected.

**TO APPLY:** Persons interested should submit the general application on the [Student Affairs website](#). Questions specifically related to this position should be directed to Dianne Gray at [dgray@binghamton.edu](mailto:dgray@binghamton.edu) or (607) 777-2686.