

JOB POSTING FOR 2026-2027
Graduate Student Assistant
FIRST@DU, Dean of Students Office
Number of positions available: 1-2

Division Information

At the University of Denver, Student Affairs is at the heart of the student journey, empowering every student to thrive academically, personally, and professionally. Rooted in DU's signature 4D Experience, our division is committed to fostering holistic development through four dimensions: deepen intellect, develop wellbeing, discover character, and design careers and lives of purpose.

Our work reaches far beyond the classroom. Through dynamic, high-impact programs, services, and experiences offered at both the Denver Campus and the Kennedy Mountain Campus, we foster inclusive communities, promote health and wellness, cultivate exploration, engagement, and leadership, and develop a deep sense of belonging. We are committed to creating a high-touch environment where students and participants connect meaningfully, grow confidently, and thrive personally and collectively.

As a division, we serve the broader DU and Denver community which includes:

- Current DU Students & Families
- Prospective Students & Families
- Faculty & Staff
- Alumni & Donors
- Local Community
- Companies & Organizations
- National Peers & Media

Together, we are shaping a vibrant, supportive, and dynamic campus culture where every student and participant can discover their potential and make a meaningful impact.

The Student Affairs division includes the following units:

- 4D Experience
- Student Affairs Administration: Fundraising, Marketing, Communication
- Housing & Residential Education
- Driscoll & Community Commons
- Denver Dining (Sodexo)
- Business Operations & Division Resources
- Student Engagement
- New Student & Family Programs
- Kennedy Mountain Campus
- DU Outdoors
- Wellness & Recreation
- Health & Counseling Center
- FIRST@DU
- Learning Effectiveness Program
- Student Disability Services
- Student Outreach & Support
- Student Rights & Responsibilities
- Veteran & Military Resources

- Office of the Dean of Students

Department & Unit Information

FIRST@DU is the unit within the Division of Student Affairs dedicated to supporting and celebrating first-generation college students at DU. Housed in the Dean of Students Office, we work collaboratively across the university to advance access, build community, and address the systems that shape the first-generation student experience. Through relationship-based programs, resource navigation, and leadership development, we help create environments where first-generation students, and their families, can thrive. Visit <https://studentaffairs.du.edu/first-generation> to learn more.

Position Detail

GSAs will work 20 hours per week. The work will focus on supporting the theoretical and practical implementation of leadership development opportunities with programs connected to FIRST@DU. FIRST@DU may have 1-2 GSA positions available. The focus of each position will likely be in one of the following three areas. A specific focus will be decided at the start of the academic year.

1. GSA for the First-Generation Experience

A GSA supporting the First-Generation Experience will assist the Director of First-Generation Experience in providing resources and aid for first-generation undergraduate students. This GSA will help build the FIRST@DU program by:

- Coordinating event planning for the yearly calendar and signature FIRST@DU programs, including organizing first-generation week.
- Coaching and mentoring first-generation and commuter undergraduates.
- Creating student initiatives for first-generation and commuter undergraduates.
- Contributing to the further development of the FIRST@DU program and the first-generation student and family experience at DU.

2. GSA for the 1GENU Cohort and Affiliated Scholars

A GSA for the 1GENU Cohort and Affiliated Scholars will assist the Director of First-Generation Experience in offering resources and aid for first-generation undergraduate students involved in the FIRST@DU's 1GENU Cohort and/or an affiliated scholar program. This GSA will help build those programs by:

- Supporting FIRST@DU's Peer Mentorship Program.
- Coaching students participating in the 1GENU cohort or an affiliated scholar program.
- Creating student initiatives and college success opportunities.
- Contributing to the further development of the FIRST@DU program and the first-generation student and family experience at DU.

GSA First Generation College Access

The GSA for First Generation College Access will assist the Director of First-Generation College Access in creating programs and resources for prospective first-generation students and their families. This GSA will support FIRST@DU in the following ways:

- Working with DU Admissions and other partners to develop and implement programs and resources for prospective first-generation students and their families.
- Building partnerships with community programs that work with first-generation students and their families.
- Supervising undergraduate students involved in the Volunteers in Partnership (VIP) program.

Required Qualifications

- Candidates must have an **earned** bachelor's degree AND full-time admission/enrollment in a University of Denver Morgridge College of Education degree program for 2026-2027. *Note that this job is open to other academic programs; however similar degree requirements remain.*
- A successful candidate will demonstrate:
 - Experience with and/or proven commitment to working with first-generation college students.
 - Excellent organizational, planning, interpersonal and communications skills.
 - Program planning experience with an emphasis on centering first-generation student experiences.
 - An ability to work independently and as a team member.
 - Responsibility in managing multiple tasks during high-demand periods in the academic year.
 - The ability to meet deadlines and use sound judgment in working with students.

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience in college-level program/event planning and execution.
- Experience with small group facilitation and best practices.
- Working knowledge of identity development models or leadership identity development models.

Compensation and Work Dates

- Offers are contingent upon available funding. **The position is for 1 academic year.** Applicant(s) need to re-apply annually. Returning applicants need to be in good performance standing to reapply.
- **Tuition:** up to 24 credit hours per year at the DU Morgridge College of Education, pending available funding. (This job is open to other academic programs; however similar degree requirements remain. Offers contingent upon available funding.)
- **Stipend:** \$19,495/school year (\$21,418 for doctoral students) paid monthly for the academic year.
- If eligible, DU Student **Health Insurance:** visit <https://du.digication.com/graduate-assistantship-health-insurance-scholarship-ghis/home>
- **Work dates:** likely early September through early June, with academic breaks and a specific schedule to be determined.

TO APPLY

Please submit a [current resumé and cover letter via PCO](#) through PCO by **May 1, 2026**. Materials sent via email will not be accepted.

- Your cover letter should clearly indicate the GSA position you are applying for and summarize how your knowledge, skills, and experiences match the job duties and requirements.
- We expect to hold **Zoom interviews beginning late May/early June** and will likely not be in regular contact with applicants before then.
- We will continue to accept applications until positions are filled, and/or may update or withdraw postings entirely.

PLEASE NOTE:

- The Division of Student Affairs only manages applications for its own GSA positions, most of which are restricted to Morgridge College of Education students.
 - Graduate students, contact your academic program for what Graduate Assistantships or other financial support may be available to you.
 - Undergraduate students, check with DU Financial Aid: www.du.edu/finaid
- Additional on-campus student positions are posted at <https://career.du.edu/channels/student-employees>