

Professional Conduct

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The guidelines reviewed above all center on how a GIDP student should conduct herself or himself, i.e., one's professional conduct. Professional conduct not only involves a commitment to follow the letter of an assistantship contract's requirements, but also implies that proper respect be given to the spirit behind these requirements. Award of a TA or RA is a privilege, not a right. Irresponsible actions exhibited while serving the GIDP and the University not only damage the student's own reputation (who will want to hire you as TA in the future if you are known to disrespect rules?), but ultimately damage the reputation of the GIDP. TA and RA positions are exciting opportunities for graduate students to develop professional skills that will carry through the rest of their careers. Enjoy them and benefit from them, but on no account abuse them!