Suggestions on How to Find an Assistantship with a Tuition Waiver at MU

1. Check with your academic department. If your advisor does not have anything available, ask if it is okay to check with other faculty, or ask your advisor if they could ask other faculty, even outside your department, who might have something available.

2. Check in departments where you have a special skill. For example, if you have a background in a language, you might check with the Department of Romance Languages or German and Russian Studies. You might check their websites first, to see what they offer.

3. Check on the career center website. https://career.missouri.edu/ Not all of these positions will meet the qualifications of a tuition waiver, but you need to ask the contact person. If they are not sure, you can have them contact Karen Gruen, gruenk@missouri.edu

4. Think outside the box. There are some non-academic programs that can offer tuition waivers, for example, the library. However, the positions have to show a connection with your academic field and additional paperwork needs to be completed. If you have someone showing interest, have them contact Karen Gruen to go over the requirements.

5. Please be aware that there is a limit to the number of semesters of tuition waiver eligibility you have. For any and all master’s work, you are eligible for 6 semesters of tuition waivers. For a doctoral degree, you are eligible for 10 semesters, if you have a masters and 14 semesters if you don’t.

6. Now’s a good time to start looking for support for next year. Be aware this is a marathon, not a sprint! You will need to check the websites on a regular basis, and you will need to keep in touch with departments you are interested in.