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The benefits of being a research assistant as a PHD student cannot be overstated. There are skills a PHD student needs to possess that can only be acquired by hands-on research experience. As a research assistant, I have learned to perform research at a very high level. Not only have I acquired many skills that surely helped me become a better researcher, but the research I performed as a research assistant has already been published in refereed journals benefiting me for the upcoming job market. My teaching assistantship duties, especially for the MBA level courses, put me in contact with students I hope to teach in the near future. The interactions I had during my teaching assistantship helped me better understand the needs and expectations of MBA students, which can only help me become a more effective instructor. Overall, my appointment as a graduate assistant has benefited me at every turn and provided me with countless learning opportunities.