Preamble:

* This expands the eligibility of students to have a graduate assistantship to include.
  + Graduate certificate students, especially if this could be enroute to a masters.
  + Makes it more explicit that students on academic notice are eligible for assistantships to help them get back on track.
* Students on academic warning can submit an appeal to have an assistantship, as there are benefits to the student and department to develop a plan for the student’s success.

The current wording in our policy is <http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/policiestext-graduate-appointments/>

“**Note: All students must be in good academic standing to be eligible for an appointment. Non-degree graduate students are ineligible for graduate assistantships or graduate tuition waivers.”**

Proposed change

“**Note: All graduate certificate, masters, and doctoral students in good academic standing are eligible for a graduate assistantship and tuition waivers. Students on academic notice still qualify as being in good academic standing. Non-degree students are not eligible for graduate assistantships and tuition waivers. Degree-seeking graduate students on academic warning may submit an appeal to the Graduate School to request an assistantship.”**