

# RA positions

## How to get a position with me

I will send an email advertising any open positions to the CIS “grads” mailing list. When you see a position you feel qualified for, send me a copy of your resume indicating which position you are interested in. In general, I prefer to hire students who have demonstrated their dedication, intelligence, and attitude through at least one semester of coursework here at KSU.

I am generally looking for students experienced in scientific computing, distributed/parallel computing, and practical experience. See [http://www.cis.ksu.edu/~dan/gra\\_skills.pdf](http://www.cis.ksu.edu/~dan/gra_skills.pdf) for suggestions on how to make yourself more attractive.

## How NOT to get a position

Send me an email such as the following:

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Respected Sir,  
  i am interested in doing research work in networking and glad to know that  
you have research assistantships in that area . i am very eager to assist you  
as it will help me a lot in my future. i am giving my resume as an attatchment  
.if you like me to assist you i will be so thankful to you throughout my  
life.if you want me to contact you i will come and meet you with my complete  
details.  
awaiting with lot of hope
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I usually ignore such unsolicited resumes. If I have an opening, it will be advertised. Furthermore, the sloppy grammar, punctuation, and spelling give me a *very* negative impression of this applicant’s attention to detail and overall willingness to work hard and do a good job. This student is very unlikely to get a position on any of my projects.