Teaching Assistant Opportunities

The Department of Asian Languages & Literature hires teaching assistants each academic year and summer to assist in Korean, Japanese, and Chinese language classes (among others.) All appointments are subject to availability of funding. Department hiring will be carried out in conformity with the UW/UAW contract for Academic Student Employees.

If you have questions about application procedures, please check out our Teaching Assistant Application FAQ. If you still have questions, email the Academic Counselor at asianapp@uw.edu.

The University of Washington provides equal opportunity in education without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, disability, or status as a disabled veteran or Vietnam era veteran in accordance with University of Washington policy and applicable federal and state statutes and regulations.

Important Dates

Friday, November 15, 2019
TA Application Workshop held 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm in SAV 264. Strongly recommended for first-time applicants. Join us to ask questions and learn more about these TA opportunities.

Friday, January 31, 2020
TA Applications for Summer 2020 and Academic Year 2020-2021 are due. Learn more about applying here.

TA Job Duties

Typical job duties include, but are not limited to:

- teaching language classes daily (usually in the morning)
- making/grading tests and homework
- keeping student records
- participating in TA meetings
- collaborating with the supervisor and other TAs

TA Eligibility

All graduate students applying to, accepted by, or currently enrolled in the University of Washington are eligible to apply for teaching assistant positions. Strong preference is given to graduate students in the Department of Asian Languages and Literature.

Please note that undergraduate students are not eligible for teaching assistant positions in the Department of Asian Languages and Literature. Interested undergraduates should consider taking our internship class, ASIAN 491.
Selection Criteria

The following criteria will be taken into consideration in the selection of teaching assistants:

- command of spoken and written English
- academic progress (with priority given to AL&L students)
- evidence of effective teaching potential
- career plans involving teaching
- responsibility and the ability to work well with others

In addition, the following criteria will be considered for language teaching applicants:

- proficiency in the target language
- experience teaching the target language
- completion of coursework in foreign language pedagogy (e.g. ASIAN 510)
- knowledge of the grammar of the target language and the ability to explain it clearly.

English Language Requirement

By the time of appointment, students who are non-native speakers of English must demonstrate sufficient ability in English by satisfying the requirements detailed in Graduate School Memorandum No. 15.

Teaching Assistant Salary and Benefits

Teaching Assistants in the Department of Asian Languages and Literature typically receive a tuition waiver, health insurance, and a monthly stipend during the months they are assigned to teach. Exact details of salary and benefits are listed in the offer letter.

Note: All applicants must keep the office informed of their current phone number, mailing address, and e-mail address.

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