

Announcement of Graduate Teaching Assistantships

Deadline: June 30

The Department of Communication is pleased to announce that we will be seeking to fill up to five Graduate Teaching Assistant positions for the academic year, which runs from August to May. Each of these positions will be awarded on a competitive basis, and applicants selected will receive a 9-month contract that includes 100% of the University's Educational Fees and a stipend. The amount of the stipend depends on available funding, but has typically been about \$12,000 for a 9-month appointment. Current and prospective students are encouraged to apply.

Minimum Requirements for consideration for a G.T.A. position:

- (1) Applicant must have an undergraduate cumulative G.P.A. of at least 3.25
- (2) Applicant must be admitted to the graduate program in the Department of Communication
- (3) Applicant must complete and submit the department's GTA application form.

Applicants not yet enrolled in the M.A. in Communication program at UM-St. Louis:

- (1) Must submit a G.T.A. application at the same time that the application is submitted for admission to the graduate program.
- (2) Letters of recommendation in the candidate's general admission packet must address the experiences and/or abilities that make the applicant particularly suited for a G.T.A. position.

Applicants already enrolled in the M.A. in Communication program at UM-St. Louis:

- (1) Must have earned a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 3.50 in their graduate studies for all work completed.
- (2) Must have a member of the department's Graduate Faculty sponsor the applicant.

Expectations and Responsibilities:

- (1) Each G.T.A. will be responsible for delivering 20 hours of service per week in the Department through the administration of online courses, on-campus courses, and/or research assistance.
- (2) No G.T.A. may employed by another organization (company, corporation, department, etc.) while receiving G.T.A. benefits.
- (3) Each G.T.A. must be enrolled for at least 6 credit hours of graduate courses that count toward their M.A. degree each semester they serve as a G.T.A.
- (4) Any G.T.A. who receives positive evaluations in the first academic year of funding will receive priority status for continued support if applying for a second year.

Submission Guidelines:

All applications for Graduate Assistantships must be received no later than June 30 of the current calendar year. Recipients of the GTA awards will be notified no later than July 31. Please mail your applications to:

Dr. Alice E. Hall, Graduate Program Coordinator
Department of Communication / 590 Lucas Hall
University of Missouri - St. Louis
One University Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63121-4400

If you have questions about the application process, you may contact the GPC by email (halla@umsl.edu) or by phone (314.516.6662).