

ELIGIBILITY

You may apply for a graduate teaching assistantship if:

- you are applying to our MFA program; or
- you are currently enrolled in our MFA program; or
- you have been enrolled in our MA program (any concentration) for at least one semester.

We regret that we are unable to consider MA applicants who have not yet been accepted and enrolled.

TYPES OF TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

- (A) TUTORING in the George Mason University Writing Center. Teaching Assistants (TAs) help students from all university levels who wish to improve their writing.
- (B) TEACHING one or two sections of English 101—Composition. These positions are open only to graduate students with 18 graduate credit hours in English.

FULL-TIME ASSISTANTS:

- EXPECTATIONS: Assistants in category (A) will work ten hours a week the first semester and twenty hours beginning the second semester. In category (B), assistants will teach one class the first semester and two beginning the second semester.
- STIPENDS: Stipends range from \$10,000 - \$13,500 per year for full-time slots in all categories. TAs with a master's degree earn a higher stipend.
- TUITION: A maximum of 48 credit hours for MFA students will be waived, unless contracts specify otherwise. Students must register for a minimum of six credit hours per semester (an exception may be made your last semester if you require less than six credit hours to complete your degree and graduate).

PART-TIME ASSISTANTS

Part-time assistants work ten hours a week as either tutors or teachers. Stipends for these positions are proportional. Part-time assistants are generally not eligible for tuition waiver.

OTHER INFORMATION

MFA TAs are renewable for up to three years.

To train and support new teaching assistants, the English Department offers two pedagogy courses. All TAs must enroll in ENGL 615 in the spring semester of their first year as a TA at George Mason. A similar course, ENGL 610 is offered for teaching literature. TAs must take ENGL 610 in their second year.

If you wish to apply, the required application is attached. The department recommends that those applying to the MFA program send their TA application to the graduate admissions office by January 2 along with the graduate admission application.

Questions about TA applications, TA positions, and the creative writing program should be directed to the graduate programs manager at **(703) 993-1180**.

Questions about the MFA application, prior to its completion, should be directed to the graduate admissions office at **(703)993-2409**.

If you require financial aid information, please call **(703) 993-4350**.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

SSN:

Last Name:

First:

MI:

Street:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home Phone: () - -

Work Phone: () - -

ASSISTANTSHIP INFORMATION

Students with less than 18 hours of graduate credit must work as a tutor in the Writing Center. If you have more than 18 hours of credit, indicate your preference below. (1 = first choice, 2 = second choice)

To work as a tutor in the George Mason University Writing Center

To be an instructor of English 101—Composition

My degree program is: MFA in Creative Writing Fiction Poetry Nonfic
 MA in English LIT LING
 PWR TWL

I begin/entered this program in _____ (Semester, Year)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Should you be offered an assistantship, as an employee of the university, the following information is requested by the office of Human Resources for statistical reporting purposes:

Sex: Male Female Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year): ___/___/___

Ethnicity: Hispanic American Indian Black (non-Hispanic)
 Caucasian Asian or Pacific Islander Other _____

Check one: U.S. Citizen
 Permanent Resident Alien
(including applicants for political asylum or refugee status)
 Other _____

For all non-US citizens: Country of birth

International students: what is your native language? _____ List TOEFL score _____

I understand that I cannot be employed in a full-time position outside the university during my appointment as a graduate assistant, and I agree to take a minimum of six credit hours per semester. If appointed part time, I agree to take at least three credit hours per semester.

Signature of Student _____

Date _____

Name: _____

EDUCATION

List the titles of undergraduate courses you have taken in English or education:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____

Graduate courses in English or education:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Title of Position	School	Location	Dates
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

NARRATIVE

Explain briefly why you would like this appointment and how your experience qualifies you for it:

Name: _____