

Graduate students at UMass are all eligible for a TAship in this department, but priority is generally given to graduate students in the following order:

- 1) Continuing students in the Department of Asian Languages and Literatures who have not completed the second year, and whose academic and TA performances are in good standing;
- 2) Incoming graduate students who will seek an MA in the Department of Asian Languages and Literatures;
- 3) Third year graduate students in the Department of Asian Languages and Literatures whose academic and TA performances are in good standing;
- 4) All other qualified graduate students at UMass.

In principle, the Department makes efforts to assure a TAship for a graduate student in the Department for two years if s/he is recruited with a TAship. However, this is contingent on the availability of funding and each individual's performance in TA duties and academic assignments.

Reappointment of TAs will usually be made in the latter part of the semester.

If a TA's performance is less than satisfactory, s/he is notified during mid-semester. If their performance does not improve in the rest of the semester, then they are notified by a letter from the Department Chair that the following semester may be their last semester of appointment unless they make substantial progress in that semester.