Teaching Assistantship Application for Music Gen-Ed Courses

DEADLINE: February 1, 2016 (for priority consideration)

All graduate students entering the department are automatically considered for teaching assistantships (TA-ships) in their own studio/area of concentration. These are few in number, and highly competitive.

In addition, there are a number of “Gen-Ed” TA-ships that support large General Education music classes offered to undergraduates. Duties typically include lecture support, discussion section leading, grading, and tutoring. The standard workload for teaching assistantships is 10 hrs per week. All teaching assistantships include a tuition waiver, health benefits, and a stipend.

All graduate students who have not been informed that they will receive a TA-ship in their own area are strongly encouraged to apply for a Gen-Ed TA-ship.

These TA-ships are issued through the office of the Graduate Program Director and are also highly competitive. For these positions, we seek intellectually curious students who are motivated and responsible, and who demonstrate excellent communication skills.

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To apply for a teaching assistantship, you will need to provide:

1. Your name and email address

2. Your area of concentration and degree plan

3. A description of your past teaching experience. Any situation may apply: formal or informal, classroom or individual instruction, music or non-music.

4. At least one sample of music academic writing relative to music. For example, this could be a paper you wrote in an undergraduate music course. Papers on music history, education, theory, and analysis are preferred.

Please send this information and these items to Dr. Brent Auerbach, Graduate Program Director, at auerbach@music.umass.edu

Thank you for your interest in graduate studies in music at UMass.