Teaching Assistantship Appointment and Reappointment Procedures

Appointments

Graduate students at UMass are all eligible for a Teaching Assistantship (TAship) in the East Asian Languages & Cultures Program, but priority is generally given to graduate students in the following order:

1. Continuing students in the East Asian Languages & Cultures Program who have not completed their second year, and whose academic and TA performance are both in good standing;
2. Incoming graduate students who will seek an MA in the East Asian Languages & Cultures Program, and who are suitable for the needs of the program’s curricula;
3. Third-year graduate students in the East Asian Languages & Cultures Program whose academic and TA performance are both in good standing, and who are suitable for the needs of the program’s curricula;
4. All other qualified graduate students at UMass.

Reappointments

In principle, the East Asian Languages & Cultures Program makes an effort to assure a TAship for a graduate student in the Program for two years if s/he is recruited with a TAship. However, this is contingent on the availability of funding and the Teaching Assistant’s performance in both their TA duties and their academic assignments.

Reappointment of TAs will usually be made in the latter part of the final semester of the TA’s current appointment.

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