

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP in Opera

GSA – Graduate Staff Assistantship

Description:

Assistantship requires an approximate load of 20 hours per week. GSA's must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA. Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Rehearsals, performances and enrollment in Opera Theatre for a total of 4 hours over two years.
- Assistance with Opera production (Stage manage, assistant direct, run titles, publicity, etc.)
- Service outreach performances (Schools, promotional appearances, fundraising events, etc.)

GSA's will also assist voice and choral area faculty with administration as needed. Duties may include, but are not limited to:

- Mailing list updates
- Maintain databases
- Errands, filing, library organization, copying and other light clerical work
- Assist with graduate and undergraduate auditions (see Dr. Beeken at beginning of semester)
- Organize/assist with Voice Area recitals (running and room set up)
- Audition assistant (opera)
- Monitor juries
- Maintain Email data bases (opera/voice/choral/Canta in Italia)

Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance or approval from Program Director of Opera.
- A successful candidate will be an exceptionally promising singer, actor and musician.
- GSA in Opera will serve as a leader within the opera program.

Stipend:

Total financial package includes a stipend of in the range of \$5,500 – \$6,500 per school year and in-state tuition privileges. This tuition privilege is for the actual semester of appointment and does not include waiver of student fees. The stipend is pro-rated over nine months, with the first payment given in mid-September. Stipend is subject to legislative approval.

Degrees:

WSU offers both a *Master of Music* and a *Master of Music Education*. Each degree has various emphasis concentrations.

Admission:

Admission and assistantship applications may be obtained by contacting: Prof. William Flynn, Coordinator of Music Graduate Studies, Wichita State University, Campus Box 53, Wichita, KS 67260-0053, or on-line at www.wichita.edu/graduateschool

All Graduate Assistantships, including admission to the Graduate School, must be in compliance with the guidelines and specifications outlined in the Wichita State University Graduate Assistant Procedure Manual found at http://webs.wichita.edu/depttools/depttoolsmemberfiles/gradschool/GA_Manual.pdf

Interview and Audition requirements:

An application including a C.V., transcript, a performance audition, and an interview are required of all candidates. To make audition arrangements and to schedule a campus visit, contact Alan Held at alan.held@wichita.edu. Audition repertoire must include five opera arias in four languages and in various musical styles.

Application Deadline:

Graduate Assistantships are available yearly. For priority consideration, all applications materials, including securing admission to the Graduate School, should be submitted by February 1. Applications are accepted until positions are filled.

The University and Wichita:

Wichita State University is located in the metropolitan area of Wichita, a cultural center of Kansas. With a population of approximately 500,000, the Wichita area affords diverse cultural advantages – a professional symphony orchestra, two professional choirs, two professional opera companies, a professional band, resident ballet, numerous music theater companies, etc. All current voice majors have found employment in the area's churches. Part-time employment opportunities in the arts are plentiful as well as regular commercial employment and employment in schools. The University is a Regents institution of the state of Kansas with a current enrollment of approximately 15,000 students.

Additional Information:

This is a two-year position, renewable each semester. Graduate Assistants will be evaluated each semester. The assistantship can be terminated prior to expiration of the period of service if the duties of the appointment are not satisfactorily met and/or academic eligibility requirements are not met.