



WSU Band Graduate Assistantship Graduate Teaching Assistantship - Indirect Teaching

Duties:

Graduate Teaching Assistantships in Band require an approximate load of 20 hours per week as assigned by and under the supervision of the Director of Bands. Duties may include:

1. Serving as the director or assistant director of the *Shocker Sound* Basketball Band, including:
(1) administration or assisting with the administration of all aspects of the band, (2) conducting rehearsals and performances, (3) working with the athletic department
2. Supervision of the School of Music instrument inventory
3. Performance participation and enrollment in MUSP 710B Symphonic Wind Ensemble*
4. Performance participation and enrollment in MUSP 713B Concert Band*
*Enrollment options for credit or zero-credit depending on specific degree requirements
5. Conducting of bands and chamber ensembles commensurate with conducting skills and experience
6. Assist the Director of Bands as needed with special projects, clinics, events and some routine administrative work associated with a comprehensive university band program

Qualifications:

1. Bachelor of Music or Bachelor of Music Education
2. Minimum of two years public school teaching experience desired but not required
3. Graduate performance level on principal instrument
4. Conducting ability, skills and experience enabling the applicant to conduct university ensembles

Financial Package:

Total financial package includes a stipend of approximately \$9,800 per school year and in-state tuition privileges as well as a tuition waiver up to 100% for eleven credit hours. Band Graduate Teaching Assistants qualify for student health insurance. This tuition waiver 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 and tuition remission are subject to legislative approval.

*Note: Per the University guidelines, students receiving a GTA with an "indirect" teaching assignment will receive a 75% tuition waiver (reimbursement) per the graduate office; this waiver amount will be reflected on the *myWSU* student account. Once the student has paid the remaining balance of the 25% tuition due and verification payment is provided of such, that 25% of the tuition will be reimbursed.

Degrees:

WSU offers the *Master of Music in Instrumental Conducting* and the *Master of Music Education – Instrumental Conducting Concentration* degrees.

Admission:

Admission and assistantship applications may be obtained by contacting Prof. William Flynn, Coordinator of Graduate Music Studies, School of Music, Wichita State University, 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

Conducting and Instrument Audition:

A conducting audition, performance audition on the principal instrument, and an interview are required of all candidates. To schedule auditions and arrange a campus visit, contact by mail Dr. Steve Oare, School of Music, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS 67260-0053. Arrangements also can be made by phone at (316) 978-3103 or by email at steve.oare@wichita.edu.

Application Deadline:

Band 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 600,000, Wichita affords diverse cultural advantage – a professional symphony, two professional choirs, resident ballet, music theater etc. 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 terms of the appointments are not met and/or academic eligibility requirements are not met.

Additional information regarding the WSU Bands can be found on-line at www.wichita.edu/bands.