



GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP in Percussion GTA – Direct Instruct

Description:

Assistantship requires an approximate load of 20 hours per week. Duties include:

1. Teaching of non-major percussion students as assigned
2. Team teaching MUSE 240 – Percussion curriculum
3. Assistant to Percussion Professor. Duties include:
 - a. Weekly meetings
 - b. Assisting with office / clerical work as needed
 - c. Communication with studio as needed
 - d. Assisting with Impulse Percussion Group
 - e. Directing Impulse Percussion Group or Percussion Major Applied lessons when needed
 - f. Coordinating instrument needs with Directors of Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Orchestra
 - g. Assignments for members of percussion section in Orchestra and Symphonic Wind Ensemble
 - h. Coordinating set up of instruments for each rehearsal and concert
4. Enrollment and performance participation as Principal Chair in the WSU Symphony Orchestra, Opera Orchestra and the WSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble. Enrollment can be for credit or non credit depending on specific degree requirements.
5. Upon a successful audition for the conductor of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra, a regional professional orchestra, a contract for a percussion position will be offered.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Percussion Performance or Music Education
- A successful candidate will play at a high level and have extensive experience with standard orchestral excerpts.
- Ability to serve as a section leader and a leader within the percussion studio.

Stipend:

Total financial package includes a stipend of approximately \$8,000 per school year and in-state tuition privileges as well as a tuition waiver up to 100%. 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 of legislative approval. The approximate value of the symphony position is an additional \$6,000 - \$7,000 per season. Payment for symphony services comes through the Wichita Symphony Orchestra.

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 or Audition requirements:

An initial application including a C.V. and a performance video that includes solos on: Marimba or Vibraphone (4 mallets), Timpani, and snare drum as well as a few standard orchestral excerpts on Xylophone and Glockenspiel, snare drum and timpani. Additionally, the candidate may also want to demonstrate knowledge in other areas, Latin percussion, drum set, steel pan etc. The final audition will take place on the WSU campus. It will include a performance recital, an audition with the music director of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra, a short clinic/master class on a percussion topic or instrument of your choice and an interview. To make audition arrangements and to schedule a campus visit, contact Dr. Gerald Scholl at gerald.scholl@wichita.edu. Audition repertoire for the Wichita Symphony will be sent to all finalists.

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 900,000, the Wichita area affords diverse cultural advantages – 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 duties of the appointment are not satisfactorily met and/or academic eligibility requirements are not met.