GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP in Saxophone
GTA – Direct Instruct

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

1. Teaching of non-major saxophone students as assigned
2. Team teaching MUSE 240 – Saxophone methods
3. Performance participation as an assigned player and enrollment* in the WSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble, WSU Jazz Arts I Ensemble, and in the WSU Saxophone Quartet.
4. Assisting the saxophone professor with clerical work, recruitment activities and other duties as assigned
5. Coaching of sectionals for the WSU Jazz Arts Ensembles, the WSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Concert Band.
6. Graduate assistant will study with Prof. Jim Pisano at WSU.

* Enrollment can be for credit or no credit depending on specific degree requirements.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor’s Degree in Music Performance or Music Education
- A successful candidate will play at a high level and have extensive experience with standard jazz or band excerpts.
- Ability to serve as a section leader and a leader within the saxophone 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 to legislative approval.

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 application, a performance audition on the principal instrument, and an interview are required of all candidates. To make audition arrangements and to schedule a campus visit, contact Prof. Jim Pisano at 316-978-6273 or at james.pisano@wichita.edu. Audition repertoire should include two contrasting solo pieces and one technical etude. See our Facebook page for more details on suggested audition materials.
Application Deadline:
Graduate Teaching Assistantships in saxophone are available every other year. For priority consideration for the next available position, all application materials, including 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, resident ballet, music theatre, 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 requirements are not met.