

Teaching Fellowship in Biology Awards

Summary

During the academic year, the Department of Biology will award Graduate Teaching Fellowship in Biomedical Sciences Awards and a Graduate Teaching Fellowship in Environmental Biology Awards to two M.S. Biomedical Sciences and two M.S. Environmental Biology students, respectively. Each fellow will be required to teach one section of BL 259 General Biology I Laboratory in the fall and one section of BL 261 General Biology II Laboratory in the spring, the introductory general biology laboratories. The students will also assist the Biology Laboratory Manager with preparation for multiple sections of these courses that meet each week. The award will serve as a scholarship, reducing the total cost of the graduate student's program.

Graduate Teaching Fellowship Award Structure & Requirements

Sem	Award	Requirement	Number of Hours:
Fall	\$2,150	Awardee teaches one section of BL259 with Mike Ghedotti as co-instructor.	3 teaching hrs/wk 3-5 preparation hrs/wk
	\$450	Awardee assists Biology Lab Manager with preparation for following week's laboratory	2 hrs/wk
	\$298	Awardee receives waiver of general fee and wellness fee in two courses.	
Spring	\$2,150	Awardee teaches one section of BL261 with Karin Streifel as co-instructor.	3 teaching hrs/wk 3-5 preparation hrs/wk
	\$450	Awardee assists Biology Lab Manager with preparation for following week's laboratory	2 hrs/wk
	\$298	Awardee receives waiver of general fee and wellness fee in two courses.	
Total Award: \$5,796			

Additional Requirements:

- Awardee must attend and participate in training sessions (in-person and virtual) before the academic year begins.
- Awardee must check in bi-weekly with Mike Ghedotti (Fall) or Karin Streifel (Spring) to discuss challenges.
- The awardee must maintain satisfactory academic progress toward the degree by maintaining a 3.0 or higher GPA, no disciplinary actions and no more than 2 C/C+ grades in courses.

Assistantship Application Process

- In order to apply, students must have earned no lower than a B average in the Introductory Biology prerequisite courses, including laboratories as an undergraduate student.
- Interested students must submit a complete application for admission by **July 31**.
- Interested students will need to submit concise answers to two supplemental application questions by **July 31** for full consideration.
- Program faculty will review the applicants' entire suite of application materials, including the supplemental application, and will choose the awardee based on merit and promise for success in teaching. The award will only be made to highly qualified applicants. At most, two fellowships per program will be awarded, so applicants should understand that the award is competitive.

Additional Information

- Sections of BL 259 & BL 261 are offered at times that do not conflict with the awardee's graduate courses.
- Both labs are highly coordinated by tenure-track faculty such that teaching the lab only requires the ability to read and prepare for the lab, follow the weekly directions, and grade assignments. Weekly emails are sent to all instructors describing challenges or special concerns in each lab.
- If awardee fails to meet the requirements of the award during the first semester, the award will be revoked during the second semester. Revocation will be a decision made by the Program Directors and the Department Chair in consultation with the lab-coordinating faculty members and the Biology Laboratory Manager.