UNM Department of Anthropology

Graduate and Teaching Assistantship Application

The Department provides Graduate Assistantships (GAs) and Teaching Assistantships (TAs) annually to graduate students. Please note that TA assignments require teaching and grading of classes and may be dependent on minimum enrollment thresholds. GA assignments require assisting an instructor or professor of a class. Only students currently enrolled in the graduate program are eligible. Additional information regarding subfield-specific procedures is included at the end of this application.

Date of Application	Year/Semester(s) Applying For				
Name	Banner ID				
Contact information (email a	nd phone)				
Subfield	Year in Program	Advisor			
Area of specialty or special skills					
I would like to be considered	for (check all that apply):	GA position	TA position		
Total number of graduate course hours completed at time of application					
Cumulative GPA					
Previous assistantships (List semester, course number, job title, and FTE/hours per week)					
Previous teaching workshops	s or other courses you have	completed relate	ed to instruction		
Please list any other funding	you have received over \$5,	000 while in the	Graduate Program		

Degree Requirements Completed	Yes	No
MA or MS Completed	Yes	No
Qualifying Exam Completed	Yes	No
Language/Skills Requirements Completed	Yes	No
Proposal Defense (PHD Comp Exam Completed)	Yes	No
Dissertation Committee Formed	Yes	No
Dissertation Proposal submitted to External Agency	Yes	No
OILS 583 Completed	Yes	No

Additional Comments

Three (3) faculty references (including email address)

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- 2.
- 3.

Please attach a current CV to this application and email completed application to your subfield advisor and to Jennifer George (jeeorge2@unm.edu)

SUBFIELD SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR ASSISTANTSHIP APPLICATIONS

Archaeology The Archaeology Faculty believes that teaching experience is an important part of graduate training. Our goal is to provide students who are making satisfactory progress within the degree program with the opportunity to teach during their graduate careers. All archaeology students are eligible to apply for GA and TA positions, although students normally will not be offered TA positions prior to completing the Master's (or, in the case of students entering with a Master's in hand, until their third year of graduate study). To be eligible for PTI positions, students must ordinarily have advanced to candidacy. We rely upon three criteria (beyond the eligibility requirements listed above) in assigning assistantship and instructor positions: years within the program (seniority), satisfactory progress towards the degree, and number of prior assistantship/instructor positions held. Additional criteria may also be taken into consideration, such as specific aspects of progress in the program (e.g., completion of skills/language requirements, submission of the proposal for funding), background appropriate for particular courses, and anticipated date of graduation. Please note that students with assistantship and instructor positions should be in residence at UNM for the duration of their contracted assignment; we cannot guarantee online assignments.

Ethnology If a student has been awarded a funding package that includes work as a GA, they do not need to apply to be a GA for the years covered by their package. All other students must apply anew every year for GA/TA positions. In determining students' ranking each year, faculty members in Ethnology take the following factors into consideration: seniority (length of time on a TA/GA list), number of course completed, other requirements completed, GPA, and financial need. We try to give each student four semesters of GA/TA experience over the course of their graduate training. After these four, a student may continue to apply for GA/TA positions, but will only be selected once others who have not yet completed their four semesters have been placed. Junior students will be placed as assistants in classes led by other instructors as GAs. TA positions, in which graduate students are teaching their own classes, are reserved for more senior students. Our goal is to give all of our students some GA and TA experience before they finish the PhD.

Evolutionary Anthropology Our goal is to support each new graduate student for at least three years, renewable pending satisfactory performance. In arriving at the GA/TA decisions, students who apply are ranked according to the following criteria: 1. Skill sets appropriate for the tasks of the class. 2. Satisfactory progress toward the degree. 3. Students who are no longer taking classes are ranked below those needing class credit hours. Ordinarily, graduate students do not grade other graduate students (e.g. as Teaching Associates), although advanced students may serve as GA/TAs for upper division classes. In Biology of the Skeleton (ANTH 350), an advanced graduate student acts as TA for the lab portions of the class and some 1st year graduate students do take the class. Advanced students may also assist with upper level lab courses such as ANTH 556L or ANTH 553. In these cases, the graduate students are always graded by the faculty member teaching the class. 1. Generally, we do not expect first year students to be qualified to GA/TA any class except Anthropology 101 or 150. In those cases they do not teach actual sections of the class. 2. We do not have a limit on graduate student support but advise students that they are expected to generate their own outside funding by 3rd to 4th year.