

Wichita State University

Orchestra Manager Assistantship

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Description: Assistantship requires an approximate load of 16 hours per week. Duties include:

1. Serve as Orchestra Manager. Duties include set up and tear down for all rehearsals and performances, assistance with departmental festivals and recruiting events, and other administrative tasks as may arise.
2. Performance participation and enrollment in Orchestra. Enrollment can be for credit or no credit depending on specific degree requirements.
3. Assistance with conducting ensembles as needed – commensurate with conducting skills and experience.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Music or Bachelor of Music Education
- Public school teaching experience desired but not required
- A successful candidate will play at a high level, and have extensive experience with standard solo literature and standard orchestral excerpts.
- Ability and expectation to serve as a section leader and a mentor/leader within the appropriate instrumental studio.

Financial Package:

Total financial package includes a stipend of approximately \$5,500 per school year and a waiver of non-resident tuition to resident tuition rates. 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 is subject to legislative approval.

Degrees:

WSU offers the Master of Music and the Master of Music Education. This includes the Master of Music in Instrumental Conducting and the Master of Music Education – Instrumental Conducting Emphasis.

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

Interview or Audition requirements:

A performance audition on the principal instrument, a conducting audition if applicable, and an interview are required of all candidates. To make audition arrangements and to schedule a campus visit, contact Dr. Mark Laycock, Director of Orchestra, School of Music, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS 67260-0053. Arrangements also can be made by phone at (316) 978-6202 or by email at mark.laycock@wichita.edu.

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 600,000, Wichita affords divers 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. Reappointment contingent upon satisfactory performance of duties and continuing academic eligibility.