

# String Quartet Graduate Assistantship - GSA

#### **Description:**

The String Quartet Graduate Assistantship requires an approximate load of 20 hours per week. You are required to rehearse and perform as a member of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra as requested. You are also required to prepare and perform up to 45 *Kinderconcerts* for public schools as a member of the Graduate String Quartet.

Other duties specific to WSU include:

- 1. Performance participation and enrollment \*MUSP 711A Orchestra
- Performance participation and enrollment in \*MUSP 712S String Chamber Ensemble
   \*Enrollment can be for credit or no credit depending on specific degree requirements.

## **Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's Degree in Music
- A successful candidate will play at a high level of proficiency and have extensive experience with standard orchestral excerpts.
- Possess the ability to serve as a section leader in the WSU Orchestra and a leader within the string studio.

## Financial Package:

Total financial package includes a stipend of approximately \$10,000 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 of legislative approval.

#### **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 Graduate Music Studies, School of Music, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS 67260-0053 or on-line at <a href="https://www.wichita.edu/graduateschool">www.wichita.edu/graduateschool</a>.

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 <a href="http://webs.wichita.edu/depttools/depttoolsmemberfiles/gradschool/GA">http://webs.wichita.edu/depttools/depttools/depttoolsmemberfiles/gradschool/GA</a> Manual.pdf

#### **Interview or Audition requirements:**

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 Dr. Mark Laycock, Director of Orchestra, 316-978-6202 or <a href="mark.laycock@wichita.edu">mark.laycock@wichita.edu</a>.

### **Application Deadline:**

Graduate Assistantships are available yearly. For priority consideration, all application 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 500,000, Wichita affords a diverse cultural advantage – a professional symphony, two professional choirs, a professional band, 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.