



WICHITA STATE
UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Graduate Teaching Assistantship in Jazz GTA – Direct Instruct

Description:

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

1. Performance participation as an assigned player and enrollment* in the WSU Jazz Arts Ensemble I.
2. Assisting with rehearsals for Jazz Arts Ensemble I.
3. Assisting the Director of Jazz Studies with clerical work and recruiting activities.
4. Coaching sectionals for the WSU Jazz Ensembles.
5. Assisting the Director of Jazz Studies in coordinating the WSU Jazz Invitational.
6. Graduate assistant will study with the applied instructor of their major instrument at WSU, and will work closely with the Director of Jazz Studies, Prof. William Flynn.

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

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Music Performance, Jazz Studies (BM) or Music Education (BME)
- A successful candidate will play at a high level, and have extensive experience with standard jazz repertoire/style, arranging, and composition.
- Ability and expectation to serve as a section leader and a mentor within the jazz studies area.
- Excellent and enthusiastic working attitude.

Financial Package:

Total financial package includes a stipend of approximately \$8,000.00 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 of legislative approval.

Degrees:

WSU offers a *Master of Music - Instrumental Performance Emphasis* and a *Master of Music Education*. While WSU does not offer a Master's Degree in Jazz Studies, students will be able to complete their studies concentrating in the jazz area. See wichita.edu/jazz for more details on our degree offerings. Participation in classical ensembles and lessons is welcomed.

Admission:

Admission and assistantship applications may be obtained by contacting: Prof. William Flynn, Coordinator of Graduate Music 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 and an interview are required of all candidates. To make audition arrangements and to schedule a campus visit, contact Prof. William Flynn at 316-978-6198 or at william.flynn@wichita.edu. See the [Wichita.edu/jazz](http://wichita.edu/jazz) or our Facebook page for more details on suggested audition materials.

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 500,000, the Wichita area affords diverse cultural advantages – a professional symphony orchestra, 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.

Wichita State University has historically been committed to jazz education and has hosted the Wichita Jazz Festival for more than 30 years. WSU continually presents clinics and concerts by internationally recognized jazz artists. These have included Stefon Harris, SF Collective, Joanne Brackeen, Gary Burton, Ravi Coltrane, Buster Williams, and Matt Wilson. Many students enrolled in the jazz curriculum perform at area venues that include theaters, restaurants, and clubs.

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.

For more information about the WSU Jazz Studies department, go to [Wichita.edu/Jazz](http://wichita.edu/Jazz) or see <http://www.facebook.com/WSUJazz>