

Application for Graduate Teaching Assistantship
English Department, Colorado State University

To the applicant: Your GTA application requires materials that are somewhat different from your application to your English department graduate program. These programs include the M.F.A. (with an emphasis in either Creative Nonfiction, Fiction, or Poetry), or the M.A. (with an emphasis in English Education, or a specialization in either Literature, Rhetoric and Composition, or TEFL/TESL).

While your application to your program focuses primarily on your creative or scholarly interests and potential, your GTA application should focus on illustrating your potential as a teacher of CO150 College Composition. The department selection committee will evaluate your experience, commitment, and potential as a GTA of college-level composition.

Your application will consist of three sections:

I. Background and Experience. This form asks for identifying information, relevant academic and work experience, and academic work in composition and writing. In the last section of this form, you may list any honors and awards that you have received.

II. Statement of Interest. This Statement of Interest focuses on your interest in obtaining a GTA position. This is your opportunity to discuss your teaching-related training and/or experience (e.g., tutoring, community writing workshops, etc.), to explain how the GTA position will enhance your graduate studies, and to clarify any other information you'd like us to know about your interest in teaching. (This statement differs from the Statement of Purpose, which is specific to your program application.)

III. Recent Writing Sample. Please provide a recent example of academic, expository and/or persuasive writing. Your sample should confirm your abilities to write with a clear aim, to incorporate various perspectives and/or sources, and to provide clear examples and/or evidence. In other words, your writing sample should illustrate that you have the ability to produce the kind of writing you'll be asking your students to produce if you are a GTA in the CSU English department. (This paper is separate from the writing sample for your program application.)

Important: Submit your program application using the online process, but send your completed GTA application as a one-document electronic attachment to Marnie.Leonard@colostate.edu. The three parts of your GTA application should be in one document and appear in this order:

1. the Background Experience form,
2. your Statement of Interest,
3. and your writing sample.

If you are applying to the M.F.A. program, send your GTA application document by January 1.
If you are applying to the M.A. program, send your GTA application document by January 15.

Colorado State University conducts background checks on all final candidates.

I. Background and Experience Foem

NAME:

DATE:

PHONE:

CURRENT ADDRESS:

INDICATE AREA OF STUDY (If you are applying to the Joint Program in TEFL/TESL, please also contact the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures to indicate your interest in a GTA with that department.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing-Creative Nonfiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing-Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhetoric and Composition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing-Poetry | <input type="checkbox"/> TEFL/TESL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Program |

For TEFL/TESL applicants only, indicate preferred area of GTA:

- a) composition
- b) INTO CSU Academic English Program
- c) no preference

RELEVANT ACADEMIC AND WORK EXPERIENCE: Please tell us about work you've done as a student, employee or volunteer which required some teaching skills; provide names and dates.

Position Description	Place of Employment	Dates of Employment	Supervisor Name and Contact Information

ACADEMIC WORK IN COMPOSITION AND WRITING: Please list courses and grades.

Course	Grade	Course	Grade	Course	Grade

HONORS AND AWARDS

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