

Application for Graduate Teaching Assistantship
English Department, Colorado State University

To the applicant: Your GTA application is separate 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 a specialization in either English Education, Literature, TEFL/TESL, or Writing, Rhetoric, and Social Change).

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 is a fillable form to complete and save to your computer until ready to upload the entire GTA application online. Please provide identifying information, relevant academic and work experience, and academic work in composition and writing.

II. Statement of Interest. This statement focuses on your interest in obtaining a GTA position. It 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 your 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 should differ from your writing sample for your program application.)

Important:

- **Applicants applying online** to one of our graduate programs will be asked online to indicate their intent to submit a GTA application. Applicants who select yes should note the information presented there.
- **Current students** who intend to apply for a GTA will not be able to access the online application site; therefore, please e-mail Marnie.Leonard@colostate.edu for the submission instructions for current students.

Prepare all three parts of your GTA application in one document, to 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"/> Writing, Rhetoric, and Social Change |
| <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

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