TA Workshop

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Agenda

• Format:
  – TA Benefits
  – Eligibility and How to Apply
    • Bren
    • Other departments
  – Resources
  – Question & Answer
  – Feel free to ask questions via the chat feature; I will answer them during the talk or Q & A.
Benefits of being a TA

• Fee remission + Health Insurance + Salary

  
  Tuition: $4,290  
  Health Insurance: $1,266  
  Salary (50% time): $7,472  
  TOTAL for 1 Q: $13,028

• TA positions do NOT pay campus-based fees, NRST or professional fees
  – Bren tries to provide our TA’s with campus-based fees, if budget allows

• Transferrable skills
  – Presenting, networking, best way to learn is to teach
TA Eligibility

• Eligibility:
• Currently registered and enrolled in at least 8 units
• In good academic standing
  – >3.0 GPA
  – Fewer than 12 units of unfinished coursework
  – Not on academic probation
  – Be within normative time and/or time to degree standards
  – Certified as having language proficiency in spoken English if their native language is not English.
• Non-native English speakers can take TA exam
How to get a TA position

• Bren- check the Internal Services website
  – Talk with Faculty Advisor about funding plan during annual review
  – We have 2.5 FTE= 15 1Q positions at 50% time
    • Class must have >35 student for TA
  – Only PhD’s can TA for Bren courses
  – TA application sent out in early March- due April 20, 2020
  – Applications reviewed by course instructors
    • select top candidate, consult with Graduate Advisor (Satie) who checks with that student’s faculty advisor, send award letter
  – If no Bren students qualified, look to other depts.
### How to get a TA position

#### Other Departments, Data for 2018-19

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• Other Departments

  – Each department has its own process, reach out to the graduate/undergraduate program assistant or faculty

    • List of Departments and contact info (ASE Open Positions):
      https://ap.ucsb.edu/resources.for.prospective.employees/graduate.student.academic.appointments/

    – Look for information on department websites

      • UCSB Departments: https://www.ucsb.edu/academics/academic-departments-and-programs

      • Environmental Studies: https://www.es.ucsb.edu/academics/teaching-assistants#applications

      • Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology (EEMB): Lauren Baker
        lauren.baker@lifesci.ucsb.edu

      • In addition, Molecular Cellular and Developmental Biology, Geography, Earth Science, Physics, Chemistry, and Technology Management all hire frequently hire Bren students.
Training that Helps

• Laboratory Safety Training - http://www.ehs.ucsb.edu/
  – Bren also does an in-person training during Orientation

• Teaching Assistant Orientation: http://oic.id.ucsb.edu/ta-training-programs/ta-orientation

• Sexual Harassment Prevention Training - https://home.campusclarity.com/

• TA pedagogy Workshops: http://oic.id.ucsb.edu/ta-training-programs/ta-workshops-seminars
Non-native English speakers

• TA language Evaluation
  – If home language is other than English and offered TA position for the first time
  – Short presentation on academic topic, presented to two UCSB faculty (one from EMS and one from dept. you will TA)
  – Certified to Teach
  – Conditionally Certified
    • EMS Oral skills course required
  – Not Certified
    • Complete EMS oral skills course and must be re-assessed

• Information on English for Multilingual Students Page: [https://www.ems.ucsb.edu/graduate/ta-info](https://www.ems.ucsb.edu/graduate/ta-info)
Tips

• When submitting applications:
  – Graduate Advisor: Satie Airamé (Kristine can also sign)
  – Eligibility verifications: Sophia Wilmore

• Apply early- most departments want to hire their TA’s for the next academic year during the prior Spring

• Monitor your email- we send last minute postings

• Use your Networking skills!
Accepting a Position

• **READ YOUR CONTRACT**

• Know what you are signing up for
  – 50% time position = 20 hours a week
  – Are there required trainings in advance of the start of the course?
  – Does it fit your schedule? Are you expected to go to lecture? It is NOT acceptable to miss Bren classes because you have a TA commitment.
  – Are there exams you need to proctor?

• **Follow-through, act professional**
  – Bailing on TA positions is not acceptable, if you have multiple offers, you need to choose one and follow through
  – If you accept a position, let the others you applied for know
  – **This impacts ALL Bren students and their reputation**
Additional Resources

- Graduate Division: [http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/financial/employment/academic-appointments](http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/financial/employment/academic-appointments)
- TA Development Program: [http://oic.id.ucsb.edu/ta-development-program](http://oic.id.ucsb.edu/ta-development-program)
- Certificate in College and University Teaching (CCUT) [http://oic.id.ucsb.edu/creating-teaching-portfolio-certificate-college-university-teaching](http://oic.id.ucsb.edu/creating-teaching-portfolio-certificate-college-university-teaching)
- CAPS does consultations for TA: [http://caps.sa.ucsb.edu/](http://caps.sa.ucsb.edu/)
- Union Information (UAW 2865): [https://ucsbuaw.wordpress.com/](https://ucsbuaw.wordpress.com/)
- Disabled Students Program: [https://dsp.sa.ucsb.edu/](https://dsp.sa.ucsb.edu/)
Questions?
Previous MESM Teaching Assistantships by Department

**Anthropology**
*Courses: ANTH 2 (Introductory Cultural Anthropology)*
*Department Contact: Karen Shultz, karenshultz@anth.ucsb.edu*

**Art History**
*Courses: ARTHI 1 (Introduction to Art)*
*Professor Contact: Carole Paul, cpaul@ucsb.edu*

**Black Studies**
*Courses: BLST 3 (Introduction to African Studies)*
*Department Contact: Theresa Harkness, tharkness@blackstudies.ucsb.edu*

**Classics**
*Courses: CLASS 40 (Greek Mythology)*
*Department Contact: Anna Roberts, aprob@ucsb.edu*

**Communications**
*Courses: COMM 1 (Introduction to Communication)*
*Professor Contact: Dolly Mullin, dmullin@ucsb.edu*

**Dance**
*Courses: DANCE 36 (History of Modern Dance)*
*Department Contact: Mary Tench, mtench@theaterdance.ucsb.edu*

**Earth Science**
*Courses: EARTH 4 (Introduction to Oceanography), EARTH 7 (Dinosaurs), EARTH 10 (Antarctica: The Last Place on Earth), EARTH 20 (Geological Catastrophes), EARTH 130 (Global Warming)*
*Department Contact: Yann Ricard, yann@ucsb.edu*

**Economics**
*Courses: ECON 1 (Principles of Economics - Micro), ECON 2 (Principles of Economics - Macro), ECON 9 (Introduction to Economics), ECON 106 (Managerial Economics), PSTAT 109 (Statistics for Economics)*
*Department Contact: Mark Patterson, mark.patterson@ucsb.edu*

**Engineering Sciences**
*Courses: ENGR 101 (Ethics in Engineering)*
*Department Contact: Tiffany Sabado, tsabado@engineering.ucsb.edu*

Note: This is not a comprehensive list, it was compiled by current MESM students based on responses from a voluntary survey in January 2020.
Environmental Studies
Courses: ES 1/2 (Introduction to Environmental Science),
      ES 3 (Introduction to the Social and Cultural Environment),
      ES 15 A/B (Environmental Chemistry), ES 15 BL (Environmental Chemistry Lab),
      ES 115 (Energy and the Environment)
Department Contact: Erinn O'Shea emosh@ucsb.edu
Notes: Reach out to professors directly

Feminist Studies
Courses: FEMST 40 (Women, Representation, and Cultural Production)
Department Contact: Crystal Carlos, ccarlos@femst.ucsb.edu

Geography
Courses: GEOG 12 (Maps and Spatial Reasoning), GEOG 20 (Geography of Surfing)
Department Contact: Consuelo Rivera, consuelo@geog.ucsb.edu

Global Studies
Courses: GLOBL 1 (Global History, Culture & Ideology), GLOBL 110 (Global Culture & Ethics),
      GLOBL 161 (Global Environmental Policy and Politics),
      GLOBL 172 (International Organizations and Global Governance)
Department Contact: Andrea Johnson, ajohnson@global.ucsb.edu

Molecular Cellular and Developmental Biology
Courses: MCDB 1LL (Introductory Biology Laboratory 1)
Department Contact: Anthony Galaviz, anthony.galaviz@lifesci.ucsb.edu

Physics
Courses: PHYS 6CL (Introductory Experimental Physics)
Department Contact: Jennifer Farrar, jfarrar@ucsb.edu

Political Science
Courses: POL S 6 (Introduction to Comparative Politics)
Department Contact: Kathryn Ficke, kathryn@polsci.ucsb.edu

Psychological & Brain Sciences
Courses: PSY 1 (Introduction to Psychology),
      PSY 10A (Research Methods in Psychological & Brain Sciences),
      PSY 10B (Statistical Methods in Psychological & Brain Sciences)
Department Contact: Chris McFerron, mcferron@psych.ucsb.edu

Sociology
Courses: SOC 1 (Introduction to Sociology), SOC 105E (Environmental Sociology),
      SOC 118CI (Sociology of Creative Industries)
Department Contact: Erika Klukovich, erika@soc.ucsb.edu
Statistics & Applied Probability

Courses: PSTAT 5LS (Statistics for Life Sciences), PSTAT 109 (Statistics for Economics)

Department Contact: Jamie Pillsbury-Fischler, jpillsbury@ucsb.edu

Technology Management Program

Courses: TMP 120 (Fundamentals of Business Strategy), TMP 122 (Entrepreneurship),
          TMP 149 (Creating a Market-Tested Business Model),
          TMP 240 (Business Strategy & Leadership Skills),
          TMP 421 (Individual, Group, and Organizational Effectiveness),
          TMP 431 (Product and Market Validation)

Department Contact: Katie Trigg, katie@tmp.ucsb.edu

Check out the UCSB-wide Graduate Students Academic Appointments page for annual updates of open TA positions. Reach out and apply early!