

DATE OF NOTICE: October 30, 2007

POSITION: Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of English

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: Fall Semester 2008

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Priority consideration will be given to applications postmarked by February 1, 2008. Initial screening of applicants will begin after February 1, 2008.

SALARY RANGE: \$9,000 and full tuition waiver for Fall and Spring semester up to nine credits each; resident tuition rate for non-residents.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Teach two 4-credit sections of freshman composition or related courses during the academic year, supervised by the department Teaching Assistant Director. New Teaching Assistants will report for a two-week orientation and training session on August 4, 2008. Classes begin on August 25, 2008.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree in English or related field with strong concentration of coursework in English.
- Admission to the College of Graduate Studies at Minnesota State University, Mankato.
- Demonstrated understanding of English grammar and language structure and skill in expository writing.
- Ability to work harmoniously with undergraduate students, faculty and other teaching assistants.
- Strong interest in teaching composition.
- Strong interest in computer-assisted teaching and writing.
- Management and organizational skills.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- Pursuing graduate degree in English at Minnesota State University, Mankato.
- Experience with computer-assisted teaching and writing.
- Knowledge of and experience with electronic research and teaching applications.

RELATED INFORMATION:

The English Department at Minnesota State University, Mankato includes master's level programs in Creative Writing (MFA), Literature, English Studies, Technical Communication, and TESL, and undergraduate programs in the same fields (except TESL) as well as a Bachelor of Science in English Education and an undergraduate Linguistics minor. The department is also responsible for the university's large composition program and offers general education courses in literature, film, popular culture, and humanities. The department also continues to expand its online course offerings. For further information, visit the department website at: <http://english.mnsu.edu>.

Contingent on satisfactory performance and available funding, there is a possibility that this appointment may be continued beyond the initial period of employment. Graduate assistants are required to enroll for a minimum of 6 credits per semester at the graduate level.

Other applications will be accepted and kept on file through December 2008. Additional vacancies will be filled from applications remaining in the pool at the time of the vacancy. All applications in the pool become inactive on January 31, 2009.

TO APPLY:

Send Graduate Assistant Application form (available at <http://english.mnsu.edu/gradassistantship.htm>), application letter, resume, sample of expository writing (5-10 pages), and two letters of recommendation to the address below.

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