

## **Molecular Biology and Biological Chemistry Programs Teaching Assistantship Policy**

After the first year, every student is required to TA for one full semester before graduation.

- A typical TA requirement involves 10-20 hours per week with 20 hours the maximum.
- If a student chooses a ½ semester course, he/she will need to TA another ½ semester to fulfill the requirement.
- International students must take ITA Workshop and be cleared by the ITA Program through the Graduate School before they can TA. The workshops are held every August.
- Proposals for new TA opportunities should be presented to the Program Curriculum Chairs for approval. Opportunities that do not fit the normal half-semester/full-semester timelines require approval by the Program Steering Committee.

Qualifying courses include:

Full semester classes:

Biology undergraduate courses

contact Shannon Nielsen for specific course options

MBIOL 6420 – Genetics & Genomes

Half semester classes:

MBIOL 6440 – Gene Expression

MBIOL/BLCHM 6410 – Biochemistry

MBIOL 6480 – Cell Biology

BLCHM 6430 – Structural Methods

BLCHM 6450 – Biophysical Chemistry

BLCHM 6460 Protein Chemistry

NEUSC 6250 – Molecular Biology Laboratory Course

In addition, a few students have tutored undergraduates while others have participated in teaching opportunities offered through the Genetics Science Learning Center. All final decisions on fulfilling the TA requirement are made by each participating Department and the student's advisory committee. Some Departments have timelines to adhere to. Please check with the Department for specific details.