

Requirements and Selection Process of Teaching Assistants for the ECE Department

ECE Teaching Assistant (TA) Requirements:

- Applicant must be newly admitted or enrolled as a full-time graduate student or graduate student who has completed all coursework and is enrolled in continuous registration in the ECE Department for the semester for which they are applying to be a TA.
- Applicant must know the subject matter of the course, including any required software tools, for which they are applying to be a TA.
- Applicant must be willing to interact with and establish a good rapport with ECE students enrolled in the course for which they are applying to be a TA.
- If the applicant has served as a TA in previous semesters, they must have positive student evaluations to be considered for reappointment.
- Reappointments ARE NOT guaranteed. Existing TAs are required to re-apply every semester and be selected to continue.

The Pool of Eligible TAs is Established in the following Priority Order:

- 1) U.S. citizens or permanent residents who have applied to the ECE graduate program and whom the ECE Graduate Committee would like to recruit, but who did not receive a GRA offer. Priority will be given to potential Ph.D. students. Standards for graduate recruiting vary from year to year, depending on number of applicants and availability of TA positions.
- 2) Current graduate students who have received only a one-semester GRA appointment for the year in which they wish to be TA for the other semester (up to four per year, with department head permission). This split funding can also be used to recruit new graduate students, in which case it would fall under the first priority, above. The students' advisor needs to plan for full student support by a GRA or Fellowship in subsequent years.
- 3) Current graduate students who are strong in a particular area and are recommended as a TA by the faculty member in that area.
- 4) Current graduate students.

Additional Details

- Late applications will not be considered.
- TAs are paid a monthly stipend for 4.5 months, \$1,950/mo. for PhD students, \$1,850 for graduate students.
- TAs typically work 20 hours per week.
- Tuition and fees may or may not be covered for the student. It will depend on what type of contract the TA is hired on.