Department of Biology

GRADUATE ADVANTAGE PROGRAM (GAP)

Position Description:

The Teaching Assistant (TA) will act as the Lead laboratory TA for BIOL 151 General Biology I in the Fall semester and BIOL 311 Genetics in the Spring semester. The TA will work closely with the instructors of record to present material related to laboratory activity, will assess student work (with oversight from the instructor), and will act as a contact for undergraduate students with questions or concerns. The TA will also work with the Biology Laboratory Manager to help prepare lab materials and set up and take down weekly labs. Throughout each semester, the TA will assess the goals and objectives of each laboratory exercise and present an evaluation of each lab so that we may improve the exercises and the laboratory experience for all students. Hopefully, this will strengthen the TA’s own abilities of laboratory preparation, assessment, and classroom management to help them in their future career.

Position Qualifications:

Applicant must have a BS/BA from an accredited college and be enrolled as a full-time student with the Master of Science in Teaching Adolescence Education program in Science, with preference to those applicants seeking certification in Biology. The ability to effectively present material in front of a class of undergraduates is necessary. Previous undergraduate coursework in the Biological Sciences is required. Applicants must be willing to learn laboratory preparation, which may require handling hazardous materials. Experience with classroom management and with determining and assessing course goals and objectives is desirable. Experience evaluating student work a plus.

Expectations:

TA will work an average of 6 hours per week over the course of the 2017-2018 academic year. TA will need to be available during regular business hours (8-5) with some evening hours possible.

Interested candidates should submit an application through the Center for Graduate Studies by June 30, 2017. Note: applications will be accepted after this date, if the position remains open.

All questions about the position should be directed to Jan Trybula at trybulj@potsdam.edu or 315-267-2258.

Submit application to:
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