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1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 This Document

The purpose of this document is to clarify information concerning Graduate Teaching Fellowships (GTFs) offered by the Center for Applied Second Language Studies (CASLS). The relationship between GTFs and the University of Oregon as a whole is governed by the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the university and the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation (GTFF). This document details the specific relationship between GTFs and CASLS. This document does not apply to work-study, hourly student employees, or other staff hired by CASLS.

1.2 GTF Tuition and Fees

Graduate Teaching Fellows are required to maintain and complete a minimum of 9 graduate credit hours. GTFs pay no tuition on the first 16 credit hours per term if their appointment is equal to or greater than .20 FTE and they complete the assignment at .20 FTE or greater. Graduate Teaching Fellows must pay $140 of the mandatory fees set by the Oregon University System; fees are subject to change without additional notice. Details of GTF and university contributions to these fees are contained in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, Article 22.

1.3 Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation

All Graduate Teaching Fellows at the University of Oregon are represented by a union, the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation (GTFF). Official membership is at the individual’s option, although payment of monthly dues or an equivalent is required under the fair share agreement (Article 4, Section 4). Levels of appointment and salary levels for all graduate teaching appointments are subject to the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the GTFF and the University of Oregon. A link to the bargaining agreement and to this GDRS is provided in the GTF appointment contract signed by each student who accepts a GTF appointment.

2.0 AVAILABILITY OF GRADUATE TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS

2.1 The availability of GTF appointments are programmatically determined by department faculty in the case of academic units and by unit leaders in the case of non-academic units like CASLS. The number of GTF positions available is subject to the budgetary constraints ofCASLS and the university and is based on CASLS’ specific needs for one or more GTFs.

CASLS makes an effort to distribute GTF opportunities to as many students as possible and encourages financial opportunities through such other means as scholarships, work study, and grants. CASLS, in partnership with other academic departments, may reserve appointments for incoming students.
2.2 Academic Year Appointments

The availability of GTF appointments for the upcoming academic year is usually determined at the time the center receives grant funding for a specific project. In recent years, GTF assignments during the academic year have included: discussion section leader, research assistant, individualized coaching, and administrative GTFs.

2.3 Summer Term Appointments

CASLS does not hire GTFs in the summer unless grant funding is available to cover the costs.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Graduate students pursuing a master’s or doctoral degree at the University of Oregon in any discipline are eligible to apply for a GTF position.

3.2 Preference will be given to those with demonstrated ability in areas relevant to the particular GTF assignment. Students will be considered in the following order: 1) students who have previously received an appointment at CASLS and satisfactorily completed all work assignments, and 2) students who are working in partner departments (Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures, Department of Romance Languages, Department of Linguistics, Department of International Studies, College of Education, and the Office of International Affairs).

3.3 The Graduate School requires that students be enrolled for and successfully complete a minimum of 9 graduate credit hours toward the degree during each term of a GTF appointment and be making satisfactory progress toward their degree in order to be eligible for a GTF appointment (see Section 9). In addition, this GTF employing unit requires that a GTF maintain his/her studies in residency at the UO during each term of appointment.

4.0 APPLICATION PROCESS

This unit posts its positions on the Graduate School’s “GTF Openings” page, which includes a brief description of duties and responsibilities, FTE, and preferred qualifications for appointment and reappointment for each position. Each posting will be available for a minimum of 10 business days.

4.1 Academic Year Appointments

Information about the availability of positions for the upcoming academic year will be shared with incoming and continuing graduate students in the following ways: 1) by working with the academic departments for those GTF positions for which a Strategic Alliance/Institutional Priority has been awarded, 2) by sending a position announcement to departments in which qualified candidates may be identified and available, and 3) posting the job announcement on the Graduate School website.

Generally, the application process for incoming students includes submitting a resume and cover letter addressing the students’ qualifications in relation to the job announcement. Some postings
may request a work sample. Each candidate will be sent a notice of the hiring decision within five working days after the decision has been made.

Occasionally, positions will be identified outside of the normal appointment cycle. Information about the availability of those positions will be made in the following ways: 1) by working with the academic departments for those GTF positions for which a Strategic Alliance/Institutional Priority position has been awarded and 2) by sending a position announcement to departments in which qualified candidates may be identified and available.

From time to time, emergency appointments may be necessary. In such cases, these positions will be announced and filled in the following ways: 1) by working with the academic departments for those GTF positions for which a Strategic Alliance/Institutional Priority position has been awarded, 2) by sending a position announcement to departments in which qualified candidates may be identified and available, and 3) posting the job announcement on the Graduate School website.

5.0 APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENT

5.1 In accordance with the Collective Bargaining Unit, CASLS’ standing committee of at least two members includes: the director, the associate director, and/or an academic researcher or Chinese Flagship coordinator. Also in accordance with the bargaining agreement:

- GTFs will be appointed year-to-year rather than term-to-term, when grant funding permits. GTFs are not employed term-by-term in order to determine whether they are adequately qualified for a GTF position.
- Reappointments are not automatic, nor are they guaranteed.
- In the case of the continuation of a particular position, the same student may continue in the particular GTF position without any new announcement of the positions.

Appointments and reappointments will be based on evaluation of each candidate’s qualifications with respect to eligibility criteria in section 3 as well as general criteria for any appointment, general criteria based on particular types of work assignments available within the GTF employing unit, and specific criteria relating to the particular GTF work assignment.

5.2 General criteria include:

- Recommendations from academic or work supervisors. Consideration will also be given for a positive working arrangement between a GTF and faculty person with whom the GTF will work. While appointment or reappointment criteria may include the recommendation of the person who will act as the GTF’s supervisor, the committee must give substantial consideration to the other appointment or reappointment criteria.
- Previous experience. For teaching GTF positions, having previously taught or taken the course where the GTF position is offered. For non-teaching GTF positions, previous employment or other experience relevant to the GTF position available.
- Interviews. Finalists may be interviewed and evaluated based on their performance and responses.
5.3 Assignment-related criteria include:
- Specific qualifications based on requirements and preferences cited in the position announcement.

5.4 All criteria specific to a particular GTF work assignment are specified in position announcements. See section 2 above for how to access these position announcements. These criteria may include:
- Proficiency in a language other than English.
- Experience working within human subjects protocols.

5.5 Candidates will be rank-ordered based upon the eligibility criteria in section 3 and, subsequently, the general, assignment type, and specific criteria referred to above. This applies to positions that become available outside of the normal appointment cycle as well.

5.6 If no qualified candidates apply or are available for a particular position, the selection committee or director may decide to reopen the application process for the position. Generally, the same application process described in section 4 and appointment/reappointment process described here will be repeated. However, the department reserves the right to proceed to fill the position as it would an emergency appointment (also described in section 4).

5.7 Performance of GTFs in CASLS are evaluated:
- At the end of every term for term-by-term appointments.
- At the end of the academic year for GTFs appointed fall, winter, and spring terms.

Evaluations are performed by the supervisor, who will vary based on the grant-funded project. Supervisors are likely to be, but not limited to, the director, the research director, or the Chinese Flagship coordinator.

5.8 The criteria used for evaluation include:
- Knowledge: How knowledgable is the GTF in his/her field? How is the GTF working to acquire new knowledge?
- Application of Knowledge: How well does the GTF identify problems or opportunities? How does the GTF apply strategies for dealing with those issues?
- Teamwork: How well does the GTF work with others? How much does the GTF contribute to common goals?
- Reliability: Does the GTF perform high-quality work with adequate supervision?
- Leadership: Is the GTF a good role model for other employees?

The supervisor conducting the evaluation confidentiality discusses the GTF’s performance with those who are working closely with the GTF, including but not limited to other faculty on campus and other CASLS’ researchers.

6.0 WORKLOAD
Workload includes performance of all duties of the work assignment. For example, the workload for a teaching assignment would include preparation time, office hours, and time spent interacting with students on email or Canvas in addition to time spent actually teaching. In setting the workload (and thus FTE) for a particular GTF position, CASLS considers what constitutes a workload sufficient to perform the work assignment satisfactorily.

6.1 GTFs in CASLS are most commonly appointed at the following full-time equivalent levels (FTE) and corresponding total workloads:
- .25 FTE (Up to 110 hours per term or up to 330 hours per academic year)
- .40 FTE (up to 175 hours per term or up to 525 hours per academic year)
- .49 FTE (up to 215 hours per term or up to 645 hours per academic year)

7.0 WORK ASSIGNMENTS

For various work assignments, the distribution of workload among various duties is considered to be reflective of average breakdowns within the normative standard of the total workload. The distribution of time actually spent on duties may vary from week to week, but the workload per term should be within the designated number of total workload hours. GTFs are encouraged to track how they spend their work hours and to contact their supervisors early in the term if the distribution of time they are spending on individual duties varies widely from established expectations. This section sets forth expectations around duties for GTF assignment types in this unit.

NOTE: Where the workload is broken down by work assignment duties and is designated as a “minimum” number of hours, the GTF is required to fulfill that specific time commitment.

7.1 Duties by Work Assignment

- Discussion section leader: Discussion leaders are usually working in coordination with the Chinese Flagship Program. These positions are typically joint positions within the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures (EALL). The work assignment varies by the course offered and by funding. Specific job duties are based on requirements and preferences cited in the posted position announcement.
- Research assistant: Research assistants typically work under the supervision of the director or the research director. Research assistant GTF work assignments vary based on the specific grant from which the GTF will be receiving pay. Most often, work assignments include collecting and analyzing data related to foreign language teaching and learning. Specific job duties based on requirements and preferences cited in the posted position announcement.
- Administrative GTF: Administrative GTFs typically work under the supervision of the director, research director, or Chinese Flagship coordinator. Administrative GTF work assignments vary based on the specific sponsored contract from which the GTF will be receiving pay. Specific job duties based on requirements and preferences cited in the posted position announcement.

8.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION
8.1 Accident Reporting and Workers’ Compensation

The university’s Workers’ Compensation Program is administered by the Office of Risk Management (ORM). If you have any questions about the program, please call 346-8912 or 345-8316.

All University of Oregon employees, including GTFs, are covered by workers’ compensation insurance through SAIF Corporation. This coverage is for occupational injuries, illnesses, or diseases that arise out of or in the course and scope of employment.

The university has established procedures for reporting accidents and filing workers’ compensation claims. They are intended to expedite claims processing and to minimize the possibility of delays in payment of benefits. If a GTF is injured on the job, the GTF must report it immediately to the supervisor. The supervisor will complete the Safety Incident or Accident Report (SIAR) with the GTF. If, as a result of the accident, the GTF requires medical care, a Workers’ Compensation Claim Form (801) must be completed within 24 hours. If, due to the nature of the injury or illness, the GTF is unable to complete the 801, the supervisor will submit it on behalf of the GTF. Workers’ compensation information and forms are available at http://orm.uoregon.edu/content/injury-reporting-and-workers-compensation.

Oregon laws prohibit discrimination or retaliation by an employer against an employee for filing a workers’ compensation claim or a safety-related complaint with OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration).

In addition to medical expenses related to the injury/illness, benefits provided by SAIF Corporation may also include temporary total disability payments if the GTF is unable to work as authorized by an attending physician. These payments equal 66 2/3% of the GTF’s average weekly wage (up to a maximum established by the Oregon Legislature). Mileage payments for medical appointments and prescription reimbursements are also examples of benefits provided by SAIF Corporation. Certain medical treatments, however, are subject to exclusion. The GTF will be notified by SAIF Corporation of the rights and coverage when the claim is processed.

An injured GTF who is unable to work may not receive both salary compensation from workers’ compensation and sick leave or other pay when this results in the GTF receiving more than his/her regular monthly salary. Should this occur and payment is received from both sources, the GTF must be prepared to repay any overpayments. If the GTF believes there is some confusion about salary or workers’ compensation benefits, contact ORM immediately.

ORS 659A.043 – 659A.052 describe reinstatement or reemployment rights for employees who have sustained a compensable occupational injury or illness.

8.2 Safety Information

The University of Oregon Safety Policy may be found in the library, http://policies.uoregon.edu/policy/by/1/08-health-and-safety/safety. The Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) is responsible for the University’s safety programs. For questions or
information regarding any of these programs, contact EH&S at 541-346-3192 or visit their website, http://ehs.uoregon.edu/ Safety concerns may also be submitted via an online reporting system on the Safety Advisory Committee website, http://ehs.uoregon.edu/safety-advisory-committee.

8.3 Reporting Safety Hazards

GTFs who identify safety hazards and issues are encouraged to discuss them immediately with their supervisor. The following unit representative may also be contacted: Mandy Gettler, mandyl@uoregon.edu, 541-346-1773.

Other resources on campus to report such information include the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, a Safety Advisory Committee representative, or a GTFF union representative. Off-campus resources include the local OSHA office and the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI).

8.4 Location of Emergency Procedures, Evacuation Plans, Material Data Safety Sheets (MSDS) and First Aid Supplies

In the Baker Center, copies of emergency procedures, evacuation plans, and material data safety sheets are located in the Sydney conference room. First aid supplies are located near the fax machine. The person responsible for maintaining them is Mandy Gettler, mandyl@uoregon.edu, 541-346-1773.

8.5 Required Safety Training and Appropriate Departmental Record Keeping

All GTFs involved in human subjects research are required to complete the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) program online at https://www.citiprogram.org/default.asp before working on any research protocol. Upon successful completion, GTFs must print the completion record from the CITI website and submit it to Mandy Gettler, who maintains these records within the CASLS' filing system located in Suite 100 of the Baker Center.

9.0 SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD GRADUATE DEGREE

Because a GTF appointment is the method by which departments can offer financial support to promising students in a graduate degree program and should be beneficial to the students’ development in the program, individuals appointed as GTFs are regarded primarily as graduate students providing service as part of a learning experience, rather than solely as employees whose education is secondary.

The criteria used to assess satisfactory progress toward a graduate degree is the same for all graduate students in a particular degree program, whether or not they hold a GTF position. For GTFs, satisfactory progress toward the degree is an eligibility requirement of GTF appointment and reappointment. Each GTF employing unit is responsible for verifying that the GTF is making satisfactory progress toward his/her degree, whether or not the hiring unit is also the GTF’s graduate degree program. The GTF’s progress toward the degree is assessed based on criteria established by the GTF’s graduate program, regardless of where the GTF is employed.
9.1 Graduate School Minimum GPA

During the academic year, the Graduate School reviews academic transcripts of all graduate students holding GTF appointments. The Graduate School will notify a GTF’s graduate degree program if the GTF’s academic performance during the appointment period falls below the Graduate School’s 3.0 GPA standard. The degree program will be asked to review the student’s progress toward his/her graduate degree and issue its approval before a GTF reappointment can be made to that student.

This section describes satisfactory progress criteria specific to academic units that have graduate degree programs. In other types of GTF employing units, the GTF should refer to the GDRS for his/her academic program and/or inquire with the graduate program director or graduate coordinator/secretary.

This GTF employing unit is an administrative, research, or non-academic unit. Satisfactory progress is determined by each GTF’s graduate program. See that program’s GDRS for more information.

10.0 DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE

A GTF appointment may be terminated pursuant to the conditions specified by Article 16 of the GTFF Collective Bargaining Agreement. Article 16 further outlines procedures for informing the GTF of deficiencies in their work performance or progress toward the degree.

11.0 DISCRIMINATION GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

To file an employment-related discrimination grievance, GTFs are encouraged to contact the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation. For discrimination grievances that pertain to a GTF’s role as a student, graduate students should refer to the student section of the AAEO Discrimination Grievance Procedures online (http://aaeo.uoregon.edu/booklet.html).

12.0 WORK ENVIRONMENT

This section provides information about GTF facilities and services described in Article 10 of the GTFF Collective Bargaining Agreement.

12.1 Workspace

GTFs are expected to complete their work tasks in the CASLS office, located at 975 High Street in Suite 100. Those who would like to request office keys should contact their supervisor. GTFs should work with Mandy Gettler to arrange access to the CASLS file server.

CASLS is located downtown in suite 100 of the Baker Center. GTFs may use the EMX to travel between campus and the CASLS office. The EMX departs every ten minutes from Dad’s Gate Station (by Deady Hall). Students should get off the bus at the High Street Station. GTFs may also pay for metered street parking or pay for parking at the Diamond Parking Lot on High Street.
if they choose. Those who would like to request additional accommodations should contact Mandy Gettler at mandyl@uoregon.edu or 541-346-1773.

10.2 Private Meeting Space

GTFs currently leading a discussion section will have space to privately confer with students.

10.3 Work Hours

GTFs should plan to work Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm. GTFs may request permission from their supervisor to work outside of CASLS office hours.

10.4 Access to Telephones and Computers

All GTFs will be able to use the computer stations in CASLS.

GTFs may use the telephone located in the conference room. This number is currently 541-346-5715. Graduate students who need to place long distance phone calls should contact their supervisor for an authorization code.

GTFs can check out laptop computers from Media Services, located on the main floor of the Knight Library, and from CASLS. Please contact Mandy Gettler to reserve a laptop computer and/or LCD projector. GTFs who would like to use their own laptop computer should be sure to update the anti-virus software often. Students can receive free access to MacAfee Security by visiting the Computing Center in 151 McKenzie Hall. GTFs who will be accessing CASLS’ file server off-site should contact CASLS technology team for access and a tutorial.

If a GTF assignment requires specialized software, please request the software from your supervisor.

10.5 Access to Office Supplies, Photocopies, and Printouts

GTFs may use any general office supply (e.g., pens, highlighters, notebooks), copy machine (which can also scan documents), fax machine, and printer located in the CASLS office in the Baker Center. They should request the appropriate copy code from their supervisor. GTFs may also create transparencies using the CASLS copy machine if needed. Please ask Mandy for assistance the first time. If GTFs need to make a large number of copies, they should ask their supervisor for help in running the job through Copy Services. GTFs may request campus cash cards from their supervisor, which can be used to make photocopies anywhere on campus, including the library and the EMU.

GTFs teaching a discussion section will receive a copy of the course text in conjunction with their teaching assignment. This text should be returned to the supervisor when the course is complete. If the GTF assignment requires specialized reference materials, please request them from your supervisor. If a GTF is traveling and would like to purchase a text to help facilitate the class or discussion session, a detailed, original receipt is required for reimbursement and the GTF must receive approval before the purchase. Reimbursement requests should be submitted to
Mandy Gettler through email (mandyl@uoregon.edu) and followed up with the receipts through campus mail.

13.0 Absences

GTFs who are unable to attend work at the schedule time or to meet a class as scheduled must notify their supervisor and Associate Director Mandy Gettler by email as soon as possible including, if possible, in advance of the scheduled work assignment or class that the GTF will be unable to attend. Do not cancel the class without permission from the Associate Director. To the extent possible, provide the department with information about where you left off.

In the case that you are unable to directly notify the department, you may designate someone to make your notification and provide the necessary information requested in the above paragraph.

Generally, for duties missed not related to a class meeting, please check in with the supervisor to determine when and how the missed work will be made up.

If the GTF is planning an approved absence during any working days of the term, he or she should notify the supervisor.

GTFs who will miss more than one week of work will be expected to contact the Graduate School. The Graduate School will then coordinate with the GTF on any necessary adjustments due to the absence, such as adjusting the assignment and duties or reducing FTE for the term. Factors to be considered are the duration and timing of the absence, GTF work assignment, the GTF’s ability to perform assigned duties, and the impact of the absence on academic progress.

GTFs are also eligible for up to twelve weeks of unpaid leave during any twelve-month period for eligible medical or family-related reasons, provided they meet the outlined notice requirements. Additional information can be found online at http://hr.uoregon.edu/er/labor-agreements.

According to Article 27, absences due to participate in jury duty, a recognized election, or immigration proceedings will be permitted with no reduction in FTE or loss of pay.