1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

About This Document

The purpose of this GDRS is to clarify information concerning Graduate Teaching Fellowships (GTFs) offered by this GTF hiring unit. The relationship between GTFs and the University as a whole is governed by the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the University of Oregon and the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation. This GDRS details the specific relationship between GTFs and this GTF hiring unit.

This document does not apply to work-study, hourly student employees or other staff hired in this GTF hiring unit.

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About 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 $61 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.

About the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation (GTFF)

All Graduate Teaching Fellows (including administrative, research and teaching GTFs) at the University of Oregon are represented by a union, the GTFF. Official membership is at the individual's discretion although payment of monthly dues or an equivalent is required under a fair share agreement. Levels of appointment and minimum salary levels for all graduate teaching appointments are subject to the provisions of the CBA between the GTFF and the University of Oregon. A link to the CBA and to this GDRS is provided in the GTF appointment contract signed by each student who accepts a GTF appointment.

The individual who shall oversee the implementation of this GDRS is: Jenna Rakes, in conjunction with Steve Menken and Will Laney

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2.0 AVAILABILITY OF GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

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. The number of GTF positions available is subject to the budgetary constraints on the GTF employing unit and the University, and is based on the unit’s specific need for one or more GTFs.

In this GTF employing unit, the priority is to staff regular required courses (including the following courses) and to provide assistance to faculty where needed:
N/A (Strategic Alliance)

This GTF employing unit: (Select all that apply.)

☒ makes an effort to distribute GTF opportunities to as many students as possible.
encourages financial opportunities through such other means as scholarships, work study, and grants.

reserves a number of appointments for incoming students.

ACADEMIC YEAR APPOINTMENTS
The availability of GTF appointments for the upcoming academic year is usually determined:

March/April each year

In recent years, GTF assignments during the academic year in this GTF employing unit have included:

- Instructor of Record
- Discussion Section Leader (full course responsibility)
- Laboratory Section Leader
- Research Assistant
- Administrative GTF
- Supervisory GTF (e.g., practicum supervisor)

SUMMER TERM APPOINTMENTS
Does unit hire GTFs in Summer?
Yes

If yes, the availability of GTF appointments for the upcoming summer term is usually determined:

Winter Term

In recent years, GTF assignments during the summer in this GTF employing unit have included:

Select all that apply.

- Instructor of Record
- Discussion Section Leader (full course responsibility)
- Laboratory Section Leader
- Research Assistant
- Administrative GTF
- Supervisory GTF (e.g., practicum supervisor)

3.0 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Students eligible for a GTF appointment in this GTF employing unit are enrolled in a Master's or PhD program in the appropriate academic department for each position.

Note regarding graduate programs and departments that employ GTFs: Students enrolled in other UO graduate programs or departments who have appropriate experience and/or credentials are also eligible for GTF positions in this employing unit. In all cases, preference is given to the department or program’s own students.

Experience or credentials required in order to be considered include:

Required knowledge and experience will vary per position and will be clearly outlined in the position announcement.

Students will be considered in the following order:

All students in the required academic program who apply fully by the posted application review date will be considered.

This GTF employing unit has established a maximum number of reappointments for which a student is eligible. These are as follows:

GTFs may be reappointed as long as they are eligible academically and demonstrate satisfactory performance.

The Graduate School requires that students be enrolled for and successfully complete a minimum of 9 graduate credit hours towards 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 her/his studies in residency at the UO during each term of appointment.

4.0 APPLICATION PROCESS

ACADEMIC YEAR APPOINTMENTS

Information about the availability of positions for the upcoming academic year or necessary summer appointments will be shared with incoming and continuing graduate students in the following ways:

-Departmental GTF staff
-Email distribution lists or physical postings in Academic Units
-Information Services Career website

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 these positions will be made in the following way(s):

-Departmental GTF staff
-Email distribution lists or physical postings in Academic Units
-Information Services Career website

From time to time, in this unit, emergency appointments may be necessary. In such cases, these positions will be announced via the IS Careers website.

5.0 APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENT

In accordance with the CBA, this GTF employing unit’s standing committee of at least three members includes:

Recommendations for appointments and reappointments will be made to the Vice Provost for Information Services/CIO by a hiring committee specific to each GTF position recruited. The committee may consist of the Unit Director, GTF supervisor, one or more other unit staff members as deemed appropriate by the Unit Director, or some combination thereof. Committees work in close contact with academic department heads/deans to identify students that would be strong candidates.

Also in accordance with the CBA:

- GTFs will be appointed year-to-year rather than term-to-term, whenever feasible. 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 (i.e., be reappointed to) the particular GTF position without any new announcement of the position.

Appointments and reappointments will be based on evaluation of each candidate's qualifications with respect to eligibility criteria in section 3, as well as (A) general criteria for any appointment, (B) general criteria based on particular types of work assignments available

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(A) General criteria include (in no particular order):

- Academic Credentials. For incoming students, this is evidenced by previous degrees and grades, test scores, etc. For students currently enrolled in the department, candidates will be ranked based on academic achievement. Making satisfactory progress toward the degree is an eligibility criterion, not a criterion on which rank in the applicant pool is determined.

- Recommendations from academic or work supervisors. Consideration will also be given for a positive working arrangement between a GTF and the 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 will be interviewed and evaluated based on their performance and responses.

- Financial need will be considered in evaluating two or more equally qualified candidates.

(B) Assignment Type-Related Criteria

For an Administrative GTF:

Candidates will be rank-ordered based on criteria listed in each positions specific announcement. The hiring committee will attempt to award GTF positions from the list of candidates as their ranking indicates, but reserves the right to deviate from this order to meet the needs of the Unit or to identify a candidate better qualified to fill a specific position.

(C) 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).

See the position announcements for details, but these may include:

- Academic Credentials
- Satisfactory progress towards degree
- Previous Experience
- Recommendations from academic or work supervisors
Interviews, application statements, and English proficiency

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

If no qualified students apply or are available for a particular position, the selection committee or department head may decide to reopen the application process for the position. Generally, 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).

Performance of GTFs in this employing unit are evaluated:
- At the end of every term
- During spring term
- At the end of the academic year for GTFs appointed fall, winter and spring
- At the end of the summer term for summer GTFs

Evaluations are performed by:
Supervisor of record. Each GTF appointment within Information Services has an identified supervisor.

The criteria used for evaluation include:
- Performance of duties as outlined in position announcement
- Satisfactory progress on assigned projects or tasks

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 via email or Blackboard, etc., in addition to time spent actually teaching. In setting the workload (and thus FTE) for a particular GTF position, GTF employing units consider what constitutes a workload sufficient to perform the work assignment satisfactorily.

In this GTF employing unit, GTFs are most commonly appointed at the following full time equivalent levels (FTE) and corresponding total workloads:
- .20 FTE (Up to 88 hours per term or up to 264 hours per academic year)
.25 FTE (Up to 110 hours per term or up to 330 hours per academic year)
.30 FTE (Up to 131 hours per term or up to 393 hours per academic year)
.35 FTE (Up to 153 hours per term or up to 459 hours per academic year)
.40 FTE (Up to 175 hours per term or up to 525 hours per academic year)
.45 FTE (Up to 197 hours per term or up to 591 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.

In this GTF employing unit, duties for the following types of GTF work assignments are as follows:

DUTIES BY WORK ASSIGNMENT

Administrative GTF:
Directed by a professional staff member in the student’s academic field, the GTF will perform research, complete projects, and document progress and related information as required.

8.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

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 or 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 over-payments. 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.

**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.

**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:
Jenna Rakes
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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).

Location of emergency procedures, evacuation plans, material data safety sheets (MSDS) and first aid supplies: First and Second Floor Mail Rooms/Areas

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9.0 SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD THE 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 student’s development in that 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.

This GTF employing unit is:

☐ an academic unit with a graduate degree program. See remainder of this section for details about satisfactory progress requirements and expectations for graduate students in this academic unit.
☐ an academic unit with no graduate degree program. Satisfactory progress is determined by each GTF’s graduate program. See that program’s GDRS for more information.
☒ 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.
Criteria Used to Assess Satisfactory Progress
Satisfactory progress is determined by each GTF’s graduate program. See that program’s website or 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/AAEO%20Booklet%20Color.pdf

12.0 WORK ENVIRONMENT

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

Information on GTF work environment can be obtained from each GTF supervisor.

**Workspace:**
Furnishings are standard for an office environment and safe for use by all GTFs and staff members. Computer workstations should remain locked when not in use. All GTFs will be issued keys to offices for their unit as required to perform work duties.

**Access to Telephones and Computers:**
GTFs will have access to a computer as required to perform job duties. Access to a shared phone may be arranged if necessary to complete the duties of the position.

**Access to Office Supplies, Photocopies and Printouts**
Standard office supplies, copiers, scanners, and printers are available in the second floor mail room. A limited version of this equipment and supplies may be found on the first floor mail area.
13.0 ABSENCES

If you are unable to attend work at your scheduled time, you must notify your direct supervisor as soon as possible, including, if possible, in advance of the scheduled work hours that you are unable to attend. You may give this notification via email or phone call/message. If you are unable to reach your direct supervisor or he/she is out of the office, please notify HR Manager Jenna Rakes of your absence.

In the case that you are unable to directly notify your supervisor, you may designate someone to make your notification and provide the necessary information to him or her using the above protocol.

If you are going to miss more than one work week, you or your designee must contact the Graduate School. The Graduate School will coordinate with the GTF and the department on any adjustment due to the GTF’s absence.