



GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

To ensure consideration of your application, please submit materials to trini.stickle@wku.edu.

Students may only apply for a graduate assistantship in the department that offers the degree program the student is pursuing.

Date _____

Name _____
Last First MI/Maiden

What is your ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

Select one or more races to indicate what you consider yourself to be:

☐ Asian ☐ Black/African American ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ White

(This information will NOT be used in making admission decisions; however, it is necessary for record keeping purposes.)

E-mail Address _____

Gender ☐ M ☐ F ☐ Other

Current Mailing Address _____
Street

City State Zip Telephone

Undergraduate College _____
Name of School Date Attended Degree earned

Graduate College (if any) _____
Name of School Date Attended Degree earned

Required supporting documents for application. Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.

(1) Personal Statement: English graduate assistants work in the writing center as a tutor during year 1 and teach their own composition courses in year 2. Write a statement **in the space provided at the bottom of this form** that addresses **your qualifications for and interest in teaching college composition to university freshman**. You may draw on paid work or volunteer experiences and your teaching philosophy. Your statement should clearly indicate what skills you bring to the classroom now and what skills you would like to develop as a result of your graduate assistantship. Your statement should be no longer than 1 page, 12-point font, and double-spaced.

(2) References: Two letters of recommendation are required. Letters should include (a) How long and in what capacity the writer has known the applicant (b) An assessment of their teaching skills or teaching potential (c) An assessment of any other academic, professional, or service skills deemed relevant by the writer (d) Date the letter was composed (e) Contact information for possible follow-up questions. Recommenders can email a PDF on letterhead directly to trini.stickle@wku.edu. The subject of the email should be "MA or MFA GA Recommendation for [First and Last Name]".

*According to Privacy Act of 1974, a student may voluntarily waive the right to access of confidential information such as letters of recommendation. Without the waiver the student will, upon request, be permitted to inspect letters of recommendation.

I do ☐ do not ☐ waive my right of access to these letters.

Signature _____ MM/DD/YYYY

PLEASE ADD YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT HERE