

DATE OF NOTICE: January 12, 2007

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 16, 2007, or until filled

POSITION: Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Modern Languages

SALARY RANGE: \$9,000 for two 4-credit courses; \$10,000 for two 5-credit courses. Full tuition waiver for Fall and Spring semesters for up to nine credits each; resident tuition rate for non-residents beyond nine credits.

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: August 20, 2007 and as vacancies occur throughout the year.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Responsible for teaching one 4-credit section of elementary or intermediate Spanish, German, or ESL, or one elementary 5-credit section of French or Chinese per semester during the academic year. Some appointments may require teaching at night. Teaching assistants are supervised by the department TA supervisor. Graduate teaching assistants may be required to perform non-teaching departmental service assignments each week.

Graduate Teaching Assistants are required to report for a week-long orientation and training workshop August 13-17, 2007.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree.
- Admission to the College of Graduate Studies at Minnesota State University, Mankato.
- Applicants for Spanish, German, French and Chinese must possess oral and written proficiency in English and a minimum oral proficiency of advanced low (or equivalent) on the ACTFL oral proficiency scale in the language to be taught.
- ESL candidates must have native or near-native English language proficiency.
- Applicants must demonstrate a strong commitment to teaching in the target language and share a commitment to cultural diversity.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- Current full-time graduate student status in Spanish, French or TESL. Other graduate programs will be considered.
- Potential for graduate study based on academic record.
- Teaching experience and experience in the country where the language to be taught is spoken. Experience with computer-assisted teaching.

RELATED INFORMATION:

Graduate Teaching Assistants are required to enroll in a methods course (MODL 560 for Spanish, German, French and Chinese TAs and MODL 570 for ESL TAs) in their first semester of teaching unless equivalent training in methodology elsewhere is approved by the department. Graduate Teaching Assistants are required to enroll for a minimum of six credits per semester at the graduate level. Graduate teaching assistants with a summer appointment must be enrolled for at least one graduate credit.

Additional information about graduate assistantships at Minnesota State Mankato is available at: <http://www2.mnsu.edu/graduate/>.

Applications for graduate teaching assistantships will be accepted throughout the fiscal year. The initial appointment(s) will be made from the pool of applicants available at the February application deadline. If other vacancies occur during the year, all applications, including those in the original pool and those received after the initial application deadline, will be considered. All applications in the pool become inactive on July 1, 2008.

Contingent upon satisfactory performance and available funds, there is a possibility that this appointment may be continued beyond the initial period of employment.

TO APPLY:

Send a completed Graduate Assistantship application, cover letter, and resume to:

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