

Call for Applications:

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Teaching Assistantships

The Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program at UNM invites applications for graduate teaching assistantships, with appointments beginning in Fall 2022 and continuing through Spring 2023. WGSS assistantships are open to graduate students in any discipline at the University of New Mexico. Graduate students with research interests in feminist, gender, and sexuality studies are strongly encouraged to apply.

WGSS teaching assistants carry a .25 appointment, which includes a stipend, a tuition waiver of up to 6 credits during the semester of appointment, and the standard health insurance premium coverage provided by UNM for graduate assistants. (Please visit <http://grad.unm.edu/funding/assistantships.html> for more details on health insurance benefits for graduate assistants).

WGSS teaching assistants are responsible for teaching one course each semester, typically a section of GNDR 2110. If you are a PhD candidate (ABD or beyond) and you are interested in potentially teaching a WGSS topics course as well, please see the application directions below. These topics courses should be on topics that are both relevant to the WGSS undergraduate curriculum and have not been covered by our regular course of study recently. (Please consult with the director if you are unsure about this or wish to discuss your proposed topic.)

Please note: in Fall 2022, the WGSS program will be debuting an Online Max section of GNDR 2110. If you accept this position, you may be asked to work as a teaching assistant for this online course.

To qualify as a WGSS TA, candidates must be students of good standing enrolled in a graduate degree program at UNM and have a demonstrable scholarly interest in feminist, gender, and/or sexuality studies. We will prioritize applicants in the following fashion:

- Those who have enrolled in the WGSS Transcribed Graduate Certificate program, or who have a demonstrable intention of enrolling in the certificate program at the time of appointment.
- Completion of WMST 510 and/or WMST 512 (or equivalent) with a minimum GPA of 3.5.
- Those who have not previously received assistantship funding from WGSS. Appointments typically will be capped at two years.
- Those who have enrolled in or will enroll in the Graduate Teaching Academy offered by the Center for Teaching Excellence (<http://grad.unm.edu/resources/gta.html>).

To apply, please provide the following documents:

1. A two page cover letter addressing your scholarly and pedagogical interests in feminist, gender, and/or sexuality studies. This letter should also 1) discuss your teaching philosophy, including any experience and/or interest in teaching online; 2) detail any previous experience working with students in or outside of a classroom setting; and 3) indicate how teaching features in your future professional goals.
2. A CV
3. Proof of enrollment in a graduate program at UNM (this could include a copy of your acceptance letter or unofficial graduate transcripts).
4. A list of any relevant graduate coursework in WGSS (broadly construed, including feminist, gender, and sexuality studies). This includes both coursework taken with our program, other courses taken at UNM, and courses taken elsewhere.
5. Two letters of recommendation printed on official letterhead. Both letters should be written by professors who can speak to your academic strengths and your teaching potential. Ideally these letters will address your academic background in feminist, gender, and/or sexuality studies. These letters should be submitted to the director under separate cover (a pdf copy via email is preferred).
6. An original draft syllabus for a section of an introductory WGSS course (such as GNDR 2110); alternately, you may submit a 1-2 page discursive description of how you would approach teaching a section of such a class.
7. For PhD candidates who are ABD: optionally, you may submit a one page proposal for an undergraduate course you would like to teach for WGSS. This course should represent the WGSS program's interdisciplinarity as well as intersectional and inclusive pedagogies.

For best consideration, submit your application materials no later than April 29, 2022. Application materials should be submitted to Scarlett Higgins, Director of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program in pdf format via email: shiggins@unm.edu.

**Application for Teaching Assistantship
Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program**

Due: April 29, 2022

Please send completed file in pdf format to Scarlett Higgins: shiggins@unm.edu

Name _____

UNM Banner ID# _____

Address _____

Phone (home) _____ (office) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail address _____

Enrolled in WGSS Graduate Certificate Program? Yes No

Have you completed WMST 510 (Introduction to Feminist Theory)? Yes No IP

Have you completed WMST 512 (Intro. to Fem. Res. Methodology)? Yes No IP

Have you completed any pedagogical training? Yes No IP

If yes (or in progress), please indicate below what courses/workshops, and when they were taken:

Graduate Program and Department

Degree Sought in your Department MA PhD Other (please specify)

Year and/or status in your Department Graduate Program:

1st year 2nd year 3rd year ABD

Taking comprehensive exams in _____ semester _____ year

If applicable, subject of your Master's Thesis or Doctoral Dissertation

Expected Date of Degree Completion _____

Are you eligible for TA/GA funding next year? **Yes** **No**

Have you APPLIED, or are you being considered for funding through another department? If so, where and what type (TA/GA/Other)?

Have you been GRANTED funds in another dept. for next year? If so, where, what type (TA/GA/Other), and for what semester?

Please attach with this application form the following documents (see the call for applications for detailed descriptions):

- Cover letter**
- Curriculum Vitae**
- Proof of enrollment in a graduate program at UNM.**
- A list of any relevant graduate coursework in WGSS (broadly construed).**
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty members (sent under separate cover).**
- An original draft syllabus or a description of how you would teach a section of an introductory WGSS course.**
- TA applicants who are A.B.D: you may propose a course you could teach for WGSS.**

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE NOTE:

All WGSS TAs are asked to complete pedagogical training offered by the Graduate Teaching Academy under the aegis of Graduate Studies and the Center for Teaching and Learning. Students who complete a sequence of pedagogy training provided through the GTA receive a non-transcripted certificate of college teaching. Please visit the following site for more information: <http://grad.unm.edu/resources/gta.html>

Preferred qualifications for TA appointments in WGSS are:

- 1) Admission to the WGSS Graduate Transcribed Certificate Program.**
- 2) Completion of WMST 510 and WMST 512 with a minimum GPA of 3.5.**
- 3) Have not previously received assistantship funding from WGSS. Appointments typically will be capped at two years.**
- 4) Have enrolled in or will enroll in the Graduate Teaching Academy offered by the Center for Teaching Excellence (<http://grad.unm.edu/resources/gta.html>).**

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