**Job Description Requirements**

Per [**Article 11.4**](https://hrs.wsu.edu/employees/labor-relations/collective-bargaining/wsu-uaw/wsu-uaw-contract-2024-2026/#ARTICLE-11) Academic Student Employees (ASEs) must be provided with a job description no later than two weeks prior to the commencement of each semester. If their duties are not expected to change for at least a year, the documentation only needs to be provided once at the beginning of their appointment and thereafter whenever duties change.

Details of the Graduate Assistant's (GA) work responsibilities, including the assignment of work and scheduled hours of work, are determined by the department and the specific individual assigned as the ASE’s supervisor. The attached template must be used and must include, at a minimum, the following items, where applicable.

1. Assigned course, lab, or research project (if applicable)
2. The faculty member or supervisor to whom the ASE (Academic Student Employees) will report
3. Procedures used for evaluation (if any)
4. Course meeting times and location (if applicable)
5. The approximate maximum number of students for which the ASE will be responsible (if applicable)
6. Office hours (if applicable)
7. Training programs (if applicable)
8. Work location
9. A statement encouraging ASEs and supervisors to discuss job related duties and time commitments associated with assigned duties.

After being reviewed with the ASE and receiving signatures, please keep the job description in department’s ASE file. Once Workday parameters are set for ASE job descriptions submission and review online, this document will be discontinued.

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

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| **APPOINTMENT TITLE** | Graduate Research Assistant |
| **WORKING TITLE** |  |
| **POSITION NUMBER** | 11111 |
| **APPOINTMENT STATUS** | 50% (20 hours per week – average) |
| **DURATION OF APPOINTMENT** | 9 months August 16, 2024- May 15, 2025 |
| **ORGANIZATION** | Department or Name |
| **LOCATION** | Physical Job Location |
| **BASIC FUNCTIONS** | Research assistantships (RA) primary duty is engaging in research under a faculty member’s supervision. The RA may provide support to a faculty member's research program or conduct independent research under the supervision of a faculty member. This can involve employment for regular fieldwork, lab work, library research, data analysis, writing, curating of exhibitions, or any other activity that can be counted as research. |
| **REPORTS TO** | Name and Title |
| **SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES** | None |
| **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES** | **[Update duties as appropriate to position]**   * Provide assistance to faculty conducting authorized research by collecting and arranging data * Summarize reports for faculty or program center personnel * Review literature and compile bibliographies * Develop and operate research equipment * Prepare and care for research subjects * Assist in the conduct of experiments, etc. * Assist with manuscript or grant development * Attend lectures associated with work assignment * Attend all meetings and training sessions scheduled by the supervisor * May provide faculty administrative or other research support |
| **REQUIREMENTS**  In addition those required under Graduate School policy for receiving an graduate assistantship | * Bachelor’s degree [add field if desired] * Ability to work 20 hours per week * Ability to work scheduled hours * Quick learner with the ability to adapt to new information and situations. * Working knowledge of Microsoft suite programs |
| **PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS** |  |
| ESSENTIAL WORK COMPETENCIES **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES (RECOMMENDED/OPTIONAL)** | * Ability to follow instructions accurately, prioritize tasks effectively, and ensure detailed completion of duties within specified deadlines. * Ability to manage multiple tasks simultaneously. * Ability to understand complex issues and derive reasonable solutions for assigned projects. * Ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing. * Ability to organize tasks and responsibilities efficiently. * Ability to maintain professionalism at all times. * Ability to work collaboratively in a team setting, demonstrating positive communication and a willingness to engage with others. * Ability to interact positively with faculty, staff, students, and other individuals through proficient interpersonal skills. * Ability to perform effectively in stressful situations. |
| **WORK CONDITIONS** | Position requires on-site classroom, office and/or lab environment |
| **PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS** | * Sitting/standing at a workstation * Lifting/carrying materials for office, class and lab participation |
| **TRAINING PROGRAMS** | If applicable |

The job description reflects Washington State University's best effort to describe the essential functions and qualifications of the position. Employees and Supervisors are encouraged to discuss job-related duties and time commitments associated with assigned duties before each semester starts. This document is not intended to exclude an opportunity for modifications consistent with providing reasonable accommodation. This is not intended to be a contract.

The employment Supervisor and the ASE are encouraged to periodically engage in informal oral Progress Assessments during the ASE’s appointment. In addition, the employment Supervisor should provide the ASE with at least one written review per twelve (12) month period. Supervisor and ASE are to acknowledge they have reviewed and discussed the periodic review, in writing or via electronic correspondence.

Your signature indicates you have read this job description and understand the essential functions and qualifications of the position.

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| Employee: | Date: |
| First-Level Supervisor: | Date: |
| Second-Level Supervisor: | Date: |