

Name: _____ Student ID: _____

1. What class level will you be during the semester you are applying to be a Teaching Assistant? (Note: sophomores are encouraged to apply to be Learning Assistants before applying to be a Teaching Assistant.)

Junior

Senior

5th year senior

Graduate -indicate highest degree earned, major, school, and year of graduation

*Please note that we cannot accept applications from graduate students from departments other than MCDB due to financial considerations.

2. For students still working towards their undergraduate degree, indicate major and planned graduation date:

3. Please indicate the classes that you would like to TA. Rank your choices with 1 as your first choice.

MCDB 1150/1151 Introduction to Cellular and Molecular Biology and Lab

MCDB 2150/2151 Principles of Genetics and Lab

MCDB 3135/3145/3150 Molecular Cell Biology, and Lab

4. Please indicate the grade you earned in each of the courses (including labs) that you have taken.

Course: _____ Grade: _____ Course: _____ Grade: _____

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5. Please look at the course schedule online and indicate all of the lab sections in the courses that you want to TA that you are available to teach. You must also be available to attend the lecture for the course you TA.

5. Please read the description of full and half time TA positions on the second page of this application. Most undergraduates are awarded half time TA positions. If a full time position were available, would you prefer to work full time?

Yes

No

MCDB TA Application

6. How many credit hours are you planning to take during the semester for which you are applying? ____
7. Will you have other obligations (*i.e.*, volunteer work, other employment) during the semester you are applying to teach? If so, list them below and the time commitment in hours/week.
8. Describe the qualities you possess that would make you a good TA.

Submit a hard copy of this application, an unofficial transcript, and a current resume to Dr. Christy Fillman, Porter Biosciences B126c or Dr. Fillman's mail box in the main office. Hard copies are preferred; however, electronic copies can be submitted to christy.fillman@colorado.edu

Applications for the fall semester will be accepted from May 10-July 30. Interviews will be conducted in August and applicants will be contacted by email to set up an interview time. In general, new TAs are not hired for the spring semester.

TA Responsibilities

All TAs are required to teach and grade the laboratory portion of the class, attend lecture, hold one office hour per week, attend a weekly TA meeting, and proctor and grade exams.

Half time TAs work approximately 10 hours per week and are the primary TA for one 2 hour lab section and the secondary TA for one 2 hour lab section (duties are slightly different for Molecular Cell Biology (MCDB 3135/3140 TAs).

Full time TAs work approximately 20 hours per week and are the primary TA for two 2 hour lab sections and the secondary TA for two 2 hour lab sections. Full time TAs also have more grading responsibilities.

Primary Lab TA: The primary TA is responsible for grading and running the lab section. The primary TA will prepare a short lecture based on the lab for the day, which includes any relevant background information as well as demonstrations of new techniques used in the lab. During class, both TAs assist students with lab work.

Secondary Lab TA: The secondary TA assists the primary TA by preparing materials for the lab. During the lab, both TAs assist students with labs.