

UW School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences – Graduate Program

SAFS TA Application – Position Description

The School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences (SAFS) is hiring a Teaching Assistant for duties in Winter Quarter 2025:

Course: FISH 464A Arctic Marine Vertebrate Ecology

Instructor: Kristin Laidre

Dates: December 16, 2024 – March 15, 2025

Compensation: Position is 50% FTE; salary is commensurate with academic standing

Deadline to Apply: **NOVEMBER 6, 2024**. Priority consideration given to applications received by this date. Applications will be accepted after this date if the position remains unfilled.

Course Information

Course description:

Explores the structure and function of Arctic ecosystems, life history, and adaptations of vertebrates, and how species are affected by climate warming. Emphasizes upper-level trophic interactions, evolutionary drivers, food chains, energy transport paths, and influence of sea ice. Case studies provide background on Arctic conservation and management. Prerequisite: BIOL 180.

Course Schedule: Lecture: TTH 900-1020; Labs: TH afternoons

Position Responsibilities

The appointee will serve as a Teaching Assistant (TA). Duties will include:

- Course attendance /facilitation: Attend lecture 2 times/week
- Lab/Field trip duties: Lead one lab section 1 time/week; coordinate and attend one field trip to Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium in Tacoma
- Student support: Host a weekly office hour, answer student emails
- Administrative duties: Canvas site management and weekly grading

Position Qualifications

- Academic standing as a UW Graduate Student and eligibility to hold a Graduate Student Assistantship.
- Availability for full course
- Experience using Canvas to access course materials.
- First Aid/CPR (required to TA in field/lab course – candidates are responsible for obtaining training/certification on their own; fee assistance may be available)
- Current Drivers' License and ability to drive in the state of Washington

Application Instructions

To apply, complete application form* at <https://tinyurl.com/ApplySAFSTA> and upload the following additional documents (under one cover, with course name and number and your full name in the document's title):

1. Cover letter – include description of your general background, why you are applying for this ASE position, strengths and any abilities directly related to the specific course(s) that you would bring to the position, etc.
2. Current resumé

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3. Name, title, and contact information (email, phone number) for three references who are familiar with your teaching abilities and/or knowledge and experience relevant to the content of the course(s) for which you are applying.

**To access the form, log in using your @uw.edu address (<https://mail.google.com/a/uw.edu>).*

Department Information

The School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences (SAFS) presents programs for undergraduate and graduate teaching, research, and service in basic and applied aquatic sciences, with emphases on fisheries management and aquatic resource conservation. SAFS faculty, staff, and students have access to myriad aquatic habitats and rich biological resources, and they are involved in interdisciplinary partnerships with other academic programs, as well as public and private organizations and environmental and regulatory agencies. The people and programs in SAFS are continuing a long tradition of actively addressing major issues in the aquatic sciences.

SAFS values the strengths and professional experience that students, faculty, and staff bring to our community. We are committed to providing an excellent education to all of our students, regardless of their race, gender, class, nationality, physical ability, religion, age, or sexual orientation. We are proud of the different roles that our students, staff, and faculty play in the community of the School and the College of the Environment. We also recognize that science is richer, and the SAFS community is more vibrant when a diverse group of people participate in research and education. We are especially interested in candidates who can contribute to our programs' diversity through their life experiences, scholarship, and/or service to the institutions. Minorities, women, people with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply.

The University of Washington is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. To request disability accommodation in the application process, contact the Disability Services Office at 206.543.6450 / 206.543.6452 (tty) or dso@uw.edu.