Graduate Assistant Training  
McNair Hall Auditorium  
Tuesday January 6, 2009  
8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

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RESOURCES

"Seven Principles for Good Practice: Enhancing Student Learning"  
http://www.udel.edu/cte/Tabook/principles.html

Essay on Teaching Excellence
http://0-152.8.104.106.sheba.ncat.edu/atl/pods/index1.html

Teaching Techniques
http://ctl.unc.edu/hpl5.html

"Helping Students Learn" - The Learning Process

Course Planning Section: "Alternative Strategies & Active Learning"
http://ctl.unc.edu/hpl5.html

Common Teaching Situations: "Teaching Problem Solving"
http://depts.washington.edu/cidrweb/TAHandbook/ProblemSolving.html

"What Can Graduate Students Do To Be More Effective TAs? - Inclusive Teaching Resources"
http://depts.washington.edu/cidrweb/inclusive/resources.html
Graduate Assistants are a vital part of the fabric of North Carolina A&T State University. The Graduate Assistant Training Program is intended to equip graduate assistants with essential information and skills required to effectively transition from student to paraprofessional. The Training Program also contributes to the training and orientation required of graduate assistants by the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities (SACS) and the University North Carolina System.

Graduate Assistantships
A Graduate Assistant must be fully admitted to the graduate program devoting full time study toward his or her degree. A Graduate Assistant may not hold non-degree, special or probationary status. There are three types of graduate assistants:

Graduate Administrative Assistant (GAA)
A Graduate Administrative Assistant's duties primarily involve assisting the University's administrative staff or that of a specific department with collecting, organizing and analyzing various administrative data. A GAA is most often involved in performing computer work, editing, recruiting and working on special projects.

Graduate Research Assistant (GRA)
A Graduate Research Assistant is one who assumes research oriented responsibilities which involves library work, computer programming, analysis, field work, laboratory experiments, scientific investigations, or other endeavors. GRAs are normally employed by the principal investigator of a funded research project.

Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA)
A Graduate Teaching Assistant serves in an instructional role in a class or laboratory within a specific department at North Carolina A&T State University. GTAs may perform pedagogical functions, such as, preparing and grading tests, holding conferences, assigning course grades, or providing support for the faculty member in charge of the course. In all cases, the GTA works under the supervision of a faculty member.

International students applying for teaching assistantships must score a minimum of 550 on the TOEFL paper based test or 213 on the TOEFL computer based test.

To qualify for a GA appointment, a student must satisfy the following requirements:

- Pursue a degree at North Carolina A&T State University
- Register during the academic year for a specific number of hours prescribed by the department
- Maintain a 3.0 grade point average and make progress towards the graduate degree
- Satisfy other requirements of the employment department

All Graduate Assistants must sign a Personal Service Agreement (PSA) as a condition of employment. Graduate Assistants must be evaluated at least once a year. Each department is responsible for completing an evaluation form for its Graduate Assistants. You may obtain these forms from 120 Gibbs Hall or at www.ncat.edu/gradsch.

The School of Graduate Studies offers two orientation and training sessions during the academic year to prepare Graduate Assistants for their roles and responsibilities.

Graduate Assistants Training Agenda

Registration
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

GENERAL PROGRAM
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
For all Graduate Students

Overview of TA/RA Roles & Responsibilities
Dr. William J. Craft
Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies

Performance Evaluation
Mrs. A. Ayanna Boyd-Williams
Assistant Dean, School of Graduate Studies

TA/RA Professional & Ethical Responsibilities
Dr. Chi B. Anyansi-Archibong
Department of Business Administration

Compensation
Mr. Richard Yarbrough
Salary Administration

Break
10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Research Assistants Workshop
Dr. Saundra Evans
Director of Research Services
Division of Research and Economic Development
Lecture Room 2, McNair Hall

Teaching Assistants Workshop
Dr. Scott Simkins
Academy for Teaching and Learning (ATL)
Lecture Room 1, McNair Hall

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