

## **Women's Studies Teaching Assistant Job Description**

The Women's Studies Program is committed to providing an opportunity for teaching experience for students enrolled in graduate programs at UNM. Teaching assistants typically teach one class each semester—either a regular course in the Women Studies curriculum or a topics course in the TA's area of specialty.

Applicants from across the curriculum are welcome although preference will be given to those with an academic background in Women's Studies and/or an undergraduate degree in WS. The Women Studies Program actively seeks diversity in selecting teaching assistants. This is also an ideal position for those interested in the potential Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies.

### **Criteria for Selection**

Basic knowledge of Women's Studies and experience in feminist and/or community organizations.

Teaching experience

Scholarly interest in, commitment to, and experience in Women Studies and related areas.

### **Educational Benefits**

The Teaching Assistant will gain increased knowledge of: (a) Women's Studies and feminisms; (b) feminist pedagogy; and (c) feminist activism in the academy.

The Teaching Assistant can expect the following support from the Women Studies Program: (a) Access to teaching resources, activities, and collaborations among faculty in the Women Studies Program; (b) Opportunities to participate in program planning and governance of a Women Studies program; (c) Access to information about conferences and funding opportunities in Women's Studies; (d) Letters of evaluation about teaching and performance.

### **Supervision and Evaluation**

The Teaching Assistant will be supervised by the Director of Women Studies.

A collaborative evaluation will be provided for the TA's file at the end of each term. It will also include a self-evaluation by the TA.

## **Compensation and Reappointment**

Compensation: as established by OGS and Women's Studies, including health insurance, pay, and access to university resources.

Reappointment: Assistantships in Women Studies are typically for a one-year period in order to provide more students with the opportunity to work in Women Studies.

## **Questions?**

If you have any questions about this job description, please contact Gail Houston, Director of Women Studies, at 277-3854, [ghouston@unm.edu](mailto:ghouston@unm.edu).