

Position Description: Biology 240 Discussion TA, Summer 2018

Position: Teaching Assistant

Duration: One 10-week session starting June 11 and going until August 17, 2018.

FTE: 50%, or averaging to 18.2 hours per week over the course of the quarter; 180 hours total for the quarter

Compensation: Current Biology graduate student TA salary, operating fee (tuition) payment, and health insurance

Course: Biology 240 is a new, one-quarter intensive *integrated* Introductory Biology course that is focused on human health. We will cover all of the topics normally taught in our three-quarter series (including evolution, ecology, molecular and cellular biology, animal and plant physiology). This course will be taught in an active manner that gives students a large number of opportunities to practice scientific skills.

Duties: TAs in Bio240 will work as part of a large teaching team with several course coordinators and faculty instructors. TAs are expected to fulfill a number of duties towards running a successful and equitable course that maximizes student learning.

Because this is a 15 credit course, with two lab sections and two discussion sections per week, we will have two different "types" of TAs – laboratory TAs and discussion section TAs. This description is specifically for **Discussion TAs**.

Discussion TA duties include:

- Attend most lectures to help with active learning activities (either 4 days/week OR a specific amount of time/day – TBD). Lectures are 2.2 hours every morning.
- Attend 2 TA meetings/week – 30 minutes each on Fridays and Tuesdays.
- Teach 2 discussion sections (20 students each) on Mondays and 2 on Wednesdays. Each section is 1.5 hours.
- Assign discussion section points based on a CR/NC grading scheme
- NO exam grading, office hours or proctoring
- Communicate frequently with other TAs, course staff and faculty

Please note that some weeks will be lighter and some will be heavier, though the course staff will help to make planning for these variables as smooth as possible.