UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP APPLICATION

Architectural Studies Program

The Architectural Studies program is currently seeking applications for teaching assistantships for the upcoming spring 2019 semester for the following courses:

HAA 0040: Introduction to Western Architecture Armstrong

HAA 0480: Modern Architecture Donnelly

HAA 0940: Approaches to the Built Environment Morton

HAA 1912: Architecture and Digital Media 1 TBA

HAA 1913: Architectural Studies Seminar Petrak

Factors that will be taken into consideration when assigning these positions include:

* academic performance in the class for which the student is applying to work as a teaching assistant and in other courses taken in the program
* the degree to which a student actively engaged with the course(s) under consideration through class discussion, projects and assignments
* demonstration of nascent leadership skills in coursework and/or the program
* broader engagement with the program and its activities inside and outside the classroom
* substance and quality of the student’s formal statement submitted with their application

Serving as an undergraduate teaching assistant provides an exceptional opportunity for you to develop your leadership, mentoring, teaching and public speaking skills. Future employers and potential graduate schools often look quite favorably on students who have performed in this capacity and this might provide you an opportunity to receive a strong letter of recommendation from the faculty sponsor or the program director.

Undergraduate teaching and research assistants **will receive 1 - 2 credits** (determined by weekly hourly commitment in consultation with the faculty mentor) for this work by enrolling in HAA 1904: Undergraduate Teaching Assistantship which is an S/N grade option course. UTAs are expected to attend every class meeting and should also expect to meet regularly with students who are assigned to them outside of class time. UTAs should expect to attend a weekly meeting with their faculty mentor. Enclosed is an application and instructions about how to apply.

**Application deadline:** **Friday, October 26th**

Questions? Contact Alyssa DiFolco, [ard117@pitt.edu](mailto:ard117@pitt.edu)

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All applicants should include the following:

1. The enclosed application form.
2. A current resume listing all work experience, honors and awards received, and extracurricular activities.
3. A formal statement (around 500 words) that discusses the following:

* How your prior coursework and academic training, and extracurricular and work experience will enable you to succeed as an undergraduate teaching assistant.
* Your reflections on the course for which you are seeking a teaching assistantship and what role you would like to play in it which can include ideas or suggestions you have for classroom activities, teaching assistant responsibilities, new curricular or course content ideas, revising or creating new assignments and activities, etc. (If applying to more than one position, you should include separate paragraphs in your essay that address each of these classes.)

The application, the statement, and the resume should be submitted ***electronically*** to Alyssa DiFolco at [ard117@pitt.edu](mailto:ard117@pitt.edu)by:

**Friday, October 26th**

We will notify the students who have been selected to serve as teaching assistants as soon as possible so they have time to revise their spring schedules and start working with the supervising instructors in the last weeks of the fall semester.

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**APPLICATION**

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Expected Graduation Date:

Positions for which you are applying (LIST ALL):

Have you worked as a teaching assistant before or have you held a leadership position as an undergraduate student? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Please list below the Architectural Studies courses you have taken, both here at Pitt and at other campuses (either through transfer credit or study abroad):

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| COURSE | SEMESTER TAKEN | PROFESSOR (or PROGRAM if not at Pitt) | GRADE REC’D |
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Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Arch. Studies major GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_