

## Call for Applications:

### Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Teaching Assistantships

The Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program at UNM invites applications for graduate teaching assistantships, with appointments beginning in Fall 2024 and continuing through Spring 2025. WGSS assistantships are open to graduate students in any discipline at the University of New Mexico. Graduate students with research interests in feminist, gender, and sexuality studies are strongly encouraged to apply.

WGSS teaching assistants carry a .25 appointment, which includes a stipend, a tuition waiver of up to 6 credits during the semester of appointment, and the standard health insurance premium coverage provided by UNM for graduate assistants. (Please visit <https://grad.unm.edu/funding/assistantships/assistantships.html> for more details on health insurance benefits for graduate assistants).

WGSS teaching assistants are typically responsible for teaching one course each semester, usually section of GNDR 2110. We offer both online and face to face sections of the course, so if you have particular experience and/or interest in teaching online, please do describe it in your materials. If you are a PhD candidate (ABD or beyond) and you are interested in potentially teaching a WGSS topics course as well, please see the director to discuss the matter.

To qualify as a WGSS TA, candidates must be students of good standing enrolled in a graduate degree program at UNM and have a demonstrable scholarly interest in feminist, gender, and/or sexuality studies. We will prioritize applicants in the following fashion:

- Those who have enrolled in the WGSS Transcribed Graduate Certificate program, or who have a demonstrable intention of enrolling in the certificate program at the time of appointment.
- Completion of WGSS 510 and WGSS 512 with a minimum GPA of 3.5.
- Those who have not previously received assistantship funding from WGSS. Appointments typically will be capped at two years.
- Those who have enrolled in or will enroll in the Graduate Teaching Academy offered by the Center for Teaching Excellence (<http://grad.unm.edu/resources/graduate-students/gta.html>).

To apply, please provide the following documents:

1. A two page cover letter addressing your scholarly and pedagogical interests in feminist, gender, and/or sexuality studies. This letter should also 1) discuss your teaching philosophy; 2) detail any previous experience working with students in or outside of a classroom setting; and 3) indicate how teaching features in your future professional goals.
2. A CV

3. Proof of enrollment in a graduate program at UNM (this could include a copy of your acceptance letter or unofficial graduate transcripts).
4. A list of any relevant graduate coursework in WGSS (broadly construed, including feminist, gender, and sexuality studies). This includes both coursework taken with our program, other courses taken at UNM, and courses taken elsewhere.
5. The names and contact information of two UNM faculty members who can speak to your academic strengths and your teaching potential. Ideally these recommenders will be able to address your academic background in feminist, gender, and/or sexuality studies.
6. An original draft syllabus for a section of an introductory WGSS course (such as GNDR 2110). This draft syllabus should focus on the readings you would assign to your students, and on the assignments. It does not necessarily need to be a full syllabus with all the course's policies.

**For best consideration, submit your application materials no later than 19 April 2024. Application materials should be submitted to Scarlett Higgins, Director of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program in pdf format via email: [shiggins@unm.edu](mailto:shiggins@unm.edu).**

**Application for Teaching Assistantship**  
**Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program**  
**Due: 19 April 2024**

Please send completed file in pdf format to Scarlett Higgins: [shiggins@unm.edu](mailto:shiggins@unm.edu)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

UNM Banner ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (office) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Enrolled in WGSS Graduate Certificate Program?  Yes  No

Have you completed WMST 510 (Introduction to Feminist Theory)?  Yes  No  IP

Have you completed WMST 512 (Feminist, Queer, & Trans\* Methods and Methodologies)?  Yes  No  IP

Have you completed any pedagogical training?  Yes  No  IP

If yes (or in progress), please indicate below what courses/workshops, and when they were taken:

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Graduate Program and Department

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Degree Sought in your Department  MA  PhD  Other (please specify)

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Year and/or status in your Department Graduate Program:

1<sup>st</sup> year  2<sup>nd</sup> year  3<sup>rd</sup> year  ABD

Taking comprehensive exams in \_\_\_\_\_semester \_\_\_\_\_year

If applicable, subject of your Master's Thesis or Doctoral Dissertation

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Expected Date of Degree Completion \_\_\_\_\_

Are you eligible for TA/GA funding next year?  Yes  No

Have you APPLIED, or are you being considered for funding through another department? If so, where and what type (TA/GA/Other)?

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Have you been GRANTED funds in another dept. for next year? If so, where, what type (TA/GA/Other), and for what semester?

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Please attach with this application form the following documents (see the call for applications for detailed descriptions):

- Cover letter
- Curriculum Vitae
- Proof of enrollment in a graduate program at UNM.
- A list of any relevant graduate coursework in WGSS (broadly construed).
- The names of two UNM faculty members who could serve as references for you.
- An original draft syllabus or a description of how you would teach a section of an introductory WGSS course.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**All WGSS TAs are asked to complete pedagogical training offered by the Graduate Teaching Academy under the aegis of Graduate Studies and the Center for Teaching and Learning. Students who complete a sequence of pedagogy training provided through the GTA receive a non-transcripted certificate of college teaching. Please visit the following site for more information:**

<https://grad.unm.edu/resources/graduate-students/gta.html>

**Preferred qualifications for TA appointments in WGSS are:**

- 1) Admission to the WGSS Graduate Transcribed Certificate Program.**
- 2) Completion of WMST 510 and WMST 512 with a minimum GPA of 3.5.**
- 3) Have not previously received assistantship funding from WGSS. Appointments typically will be capped at two years.**
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