

## Graduate Teaching Assistant – 2017 Intake

### Advert

**Salary: UW6 point 20 (£23,879) – Plus PGCE in Post Compulsory Education course fees**

The University of Wolverhampton is launching the fourth year of its own Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) scheme to support its strategy to be the University of Opportunity. The traineeship scheme is only available to University of Wolverhampton undergraduates and it will offer the opportunity to gain employment experience in an academic support role, for a fixed period.

The scheme will include a professional development programme leading to the award of PGCE (M) in Post Compulsory Education. GTAs will be trained to teach in Further Education and will also have the opportunity to contribute to teaching in our partner colleges and family schools. GTAs will have an outreach function supporting schools and colleges' activities. PGCE course fees will be paid whilst is GTAs is on the scheme.

Successful candidates will be encouraged to seek accreditation to the Higher Education Academy (HEA) Fellowship.

The Graduate Teaching Assistant will primarily assist academic staff in providing a high quality student experience, which adds value to all stages of the learning experience. The post will provide additional support for our current students, which may include teaching at level 3 and 4, face to face drop-in sessions, on-line support and providing assistance to students with their academic writing, technical and study skills. GTAs will help to support students during the transition into the Higher Education.

The post will also provide inter-semester academic support for recruitment, UCAS clearing and outreach activities. The posts will build upon the University's culture in which students are recognised as lifelong partners in the vibrant university community and educational processes.

The Scheme is seeking to recruit recent undergraduates who will be looking for a career pathway into the post compulsory education sector, enhancing links and helping to build on the University's presence within our regional colleges and schools.

Applicants will have a good honours degree, or equivalent, in a discipline relevant to the areas they will be working in, proven communication, presentation and organisation skills, an understanding and awareness of the UK Post Compulsory system, and of the issues that may arise in such an environment. Successful applicants would be required to successfully complete the PGCE (M) in order to fulfil the role. [More information ...](#)

We have 20 Vacancies across all four of our faculties, specifically targeting the following subject areas:

<b>Faculty of Education, Health and Wellbeing</b>	<b>Faculty of Arts</b>
Public Health	English/Creative Writing
Social Work	Music
Sports Coaching	Visual Communications
Psychology	Media Studies/Multi Media Journalism

Special Needs and Inclusion Studies	
<b>Faculty of Social Sciences</b>  Business/HR/Leisure Law Criminology Social Policy/Politics	<b>Faculty of Science and Engineering</b>  Computer Science Engineering Pharmacy/Pharmaceutical Science Architecture/Construction Chemistry Forensic Science Mathematics

Applicants should submit their interest using the reference number for the faculty they are interested in working in.

Faculty	Ref. no
Faculty of Education, Health and Wellbeing	
Faculty of Science and Engineering	
Faculty of Arts	
Faculty of Social Science	

Informal queries can be directed to [GTAenquiries@wlv.ac.uk](mailto:GTAenquiries@wlv.ac.uk)

We will also be holding GTA Scheme Applicant Open Events where you can find out more information about the scheme and talk to the PGCE team.

- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 4pm in MC401, City Campus
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 4pm in WN202, Walsall Campus
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 12.30pm in MC418, City Campus

## **Background: The University of Wolverhampton Graduate Teaching Assistant Scheme**

The scheme was launched in 2014 and is part of the University's strategy to provide quality support for student learning, as well as support the wider student employability strategy. It aims to enhance student progression and achievement whilst providing opportunities for graduates to gain employment and a recognised teaching qualification in a supported way, within the University. The University has a long established and cherished reputation in providing ladders of opportunity for successful participation in higher education and as such it provides significant added value to the learning journey of our students.

The overall purpose of the Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) scheme is to assist and support academic staff in providing a high quality student experience which adds value to all stages of the learning experience. The GTA will provide additional support to students in their transition into the higher education environment that may include teaching, face to face drop-in sessions, on-line support and providing assistance to students with their academic writing, technical and study skills.

Since the introduction of this scheme it has had at its heart a professional development programme leading to the award of PGCE in Post Compulsory Education, training GTAs to teach in Further Education (FE) and contributing to teaching and outreach activities in our partner colleges and family schools. By adopting more of an FE in HE approach to teaching the GTAs can help to make the transition to higher education smooth and seamless.

GTAs assist academic staff in the development, production and delivery of course materials and the collation of course and module data and information. GTAs work under the supervision of an academic member of staff and they are mentored by a subject specialist throughout their PGCE(M).

University of Wolverhampton graduates who are successful in their application to become a GTA become employees on a fixed term contract and salary for a two year period and are supported to undertake and complete the PGCE in Post Compulsory Education (course fees being paid for by the University provided the GTA successfully completes the scheme). This provides GTAs with the opportunities to develop skills and gain experience of working in an academic environment with academics, administrative staff and students. During placements GTAs fulfil an ambassadorial role in respect of working with schools and colleges and are pivotal in student transition. The scheme provides opportunities for formal reflection on these experiences. All successful applicants will be required to undertake a Disclosure and Baring Service (DBS) and fitness for practice checks.

### **Eligibility**

The Scheme is available to all University of Wolverhampton undergraduates with relevant degrees, normally completed within the last year of their appointment. Successful applicants will be offered a maximum of a 24 month contract as part of the scheme. Staff that leave before the end of the contract, will not be eligible to apply for a further period, at a later date.

Applicants cannot be considered if they already hold or are studying for a PGCE for an educational sector or who will be studying for another academic award after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. Those who are completing academic courses within this academic year, or are awaiting results, will be considered.