

Program on the Environment

ASE Open Hire Departmental Posting 0.5 FTE Predoctoral Instructor Positions

Position Announcement for potential open positions Academic Year 2025-2026

Position Title: Predoctoral Instructor (Primary Instructor)

Department: Program on the Environment

Application Deadline: May 15, 2025

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Course Names:

- ENVIR 240: The Urban Farm
- ENVIR 302: Communication for Environmental Studies

Employment Period: We hope to hire graduate Predoctoral Instructors (PDIs) to work on an annual basis (9/16/25-6/15/26) for ENVIR 302. We may also hire a PDI for one or more quarters for any of the courses listed above.

Position Description: Environmental Studies at the Program on the Environment (PoE) is an interdisciplinary program emphasizing undergraduate education in environmental studies. The courses vary – please see below. The PDIs hired will serve as the primary instructor for these classes. Although considerable course materials are provided, the PDI will have the freedom to develop and use new materials, will present all course content, and be responsible for grading.

ENVIR 240 (5 credits): Develops students' understanding of the ecological connections between food production, human health, and planetary sustainability. Teaches basic skills needed for food production in urban areas and the ethics behind sustainable urban agriculture, including a hands-on component on the UW Farm. This is a course with a lecture and a lab where the predoctoral instructor will supervise a graduate TA and two Peer TAs.

ENVIR 302 (5 credits): helps students develop the skills necessary to engage, analyze, write, and speak about complex environmental issues in a variety of disciplinary contexts with particular attention to communication issues such as audience, genre and tone. The course focuses on reading, writing, presentation, and critical analysis of written material. This is a process-based composition course that typically has weekly papers of various lengths.

Course Schedule: Varies by course, please ensure that you can teach at the times listed for the AUTUMN schedule here: <https://www.washington.edu/students/timeschd/AUT2025/envst.html>

Predoctoral Instructor Responsibilities include:

- Developing, preparing, and presenting course materials, including lectures
- Evaluating student work
- Arranging lecture and discussion logistics and activities

Requirements:

- academic standing as a UW Graduate Student and eligibility to hold a Predoctoral Instructor Position
- availability for full appointment time frame and available for the time the course is offered

- previous college teaching experience
- excellent written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills

Equivalent education/experience will substitute for all minimum qualifications except when there are legal requirements, such as a license/certification/registration.

Compensation: \$3,291/mo. This is a GSA position governed by the UAW contract paid in accordance with TA/RA/SA salary schedules. These rates are subject to bargaining changes effective fall 2025. The most current rates and information are accessible [here](#).

Benefits:

Most of the major components of tuition are covered through your appointment, however, Graduate TA's are responsible for paying some additional required fees. The appointment carries a waiver of the quarterly operating fee, building fee, U-PASS fee and technology fee. Your appointment also provides you and your dependents with medical, dental and vision eligibility and coverage under the Graduate Appointee Insurance Plan as described on the [UW Human Resources website](#).

To Apply:

Please apply via this UW Google Form: <https://forms.gle/aZWevWudJsumSb838>

You will need to log in with your UW netid. If you are unable to access the form, please email kmstraus@uw.edu – this is a surprisingly common problem.

Deadline: Submit your application materials by May 15, 2025

Acceptance: If offered the position, the candidate must accept or decline within two weeks per the [union contract Article 4](#).

Notes: This job classification is governed by a negotiated labor contract.

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