

UW School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences – Graduate Program

SAFS TA Application – Position Description

The School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences (SAFS) is hiring a Teaching Assistant for duties in Winter Quarter 2026:

Course: FISH 454 Intro to Quantitative Ecology

Instructor: Tim Essington

Dates: December 15, 2025 – March 15, 2026

Compensation: Position is 50% FTE; salary is commensurate with academic standing

Deadline to Apply: **NOVEMBER 30, 2025**. Priority consideration given to applications received by this date. Applications will be accepted after this date if the position remains unfilled.

Course Information

Course description:

Examines concepts in ecological modeling focusing on the rationale, interpretation, and motivation for modeling in ecological sciences. Explores individual, population, and ecosystem-based models. Excel-based computer exercises, model building and interpretation, readings. Prerequisite: MATH

Course Website: TBD

Course Schedule: Lecture: MWF 1030-1120; W 230-420

Position Responsibilities

The appointee will serve as a Teaching Assistant (TA). Duties will include:

- Course attendance /facilitation: Present up to 3 lectures, attend most lectures, attend all computer lab sessions , review assignments and provide feedback for clarity.
- Student support: hold 2h office hour/week, manage and response course-related email, assist students with assignments
- Administrative duties: maintain webpage for course materials, score assignments

Position Qualifications

- Coursework in quantitative ecology
- Academic standing as a UW Graduate Student and eligibility to hold a Graduate Student Assistantship.
- Availability for full course, including for timely grading of final projects in the week before grades due
- Experience using Canvas to access course materials.

Application Instructions

To apply, complete application form* at <https://tinyurl.com/ApplySAFSTA> and upload the following additional documents (under one cover, with course name and number and your full name in the document's title):

1. Cover letter – include description of your general background, why you are applying for this ASE position, strengths and any abilities directly related to the specific course(s) that you would bring to the position, etc.
2. Current resumé

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3. Name, title, and contact information (email, phone number) for three references who are familiar with your teaching abilities and/or knowledge and experience relevant to the content of the course(s) for which you are applying.

**To access the form, log in using your @uw.edu address (<https://mail.google.com/a/uw.edu>).*

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Department Information

The School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences (SAFS) presents programs for undergraduate and graduate teaching, research, and service in basic and applied aquatic sciences, with emphases on fisheries management and aquatic resource conservation. SAFS faculty, staff, and students have access to myriad aquatic habitats and rich biological resources, and they are involved in interdisciplinary partnerships with other academic programs, as well as public and private organizations and environmental and regulatory agencies. The people and programs in SAFS are continuing a long tradition of actively addressing major issues in the aquatic sciences.

SAFS values the strengths and professional experience that students, faculty, and staff bring to our community. We are committed to providing an excellent education to all of our students, regardless of their race, gender, class, nationality, physical ability, religion, age, or sexual orientation. We are proud of the different roles that our students, staff, and faculty play in the community of the School and the College of the Environment. We also recognize that science is richer, and the SAFS community is more vibrant when a diverse group of people participate in research and education. We are especially interested in candidates who can contribute to our programs' diversity through their life experiences, scholarship, and/or service to the institutions. Minorities, women, people with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply.

The University of Washington is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. To request disability accommodation in the application process, contact the Disability Services Office at 206.543.6450 / 206.543.6452 (tty) or dso@uw.edu.