

The following are the general criteria applied by the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources (DEENR) in recommending graduate students for appointment and reappointment of TAs in lines administered by DEENR and the Division of Life Sciences (DLS).

1. Courses in the Ecology, Evolution and Natural Resource major are evaluated for their needs for TAs. Laboratory courses and large courses with recitation sections are given priority, as are courses that are core elements of the undergraduate curriculum.
2. The availability of TA lines administered by the DEENR, and available through DLS, is assessed.
3. Existing students are evaluated for good standing in the Graduate Program, where “good standing” depends on academic performance and progress toward degree as defined by GS-NB and the Graduate Program in Ecology and Evolution. Incoming new students are evaluated on the basis of their prior academic records, letters of recommendation, and personal interviews.
4. Students are evaluated for clear evidence of an ability to carry out the responsibilities of a Teaching Assistant in an excellent manner, as demonstrated by past experience, teaching evaluations, letters of reference, and/or personal interviews.
5. Preference is given to students enrolled in the Graduate Program in Ecology and Evolution and whose primary advisor is a member of the faculty of the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources.
6. Preference is given to continuing students who meet all of the above criteria.
7. As a rule, only Ph.D. students will be recommended for TAs, except under extraordinary special circumstances.

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