DEPARTMENT OF BIOMEDICAL PHYSIOLOGY & KINESIOLOGY
SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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TEACHING ASSISTANT/TUTOR-MARKER APPOINTMENT PRIORITIES

Priority for appointment/reappointment as a Teaching Assistant/Tutor-Marker in the Department of Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology is in accordance with Articles XIII & XV respectively, Sections F and H, of the Collective Agreement with the Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU). Section XIII F4 states:

F.4 Graduate student priority for appointment as a Teaching Assistant shall be limited as follows:

   a. a student registered at SFU in a master’s program or as a qualifying student for a master’s program shall not have priority for appointment after having held appointments totaling twenty-five (25) base units.
   b. a student registered at SFU in a doctoral program or as a qualifying student for a doctoral program who holds a master’s degree or equivalent shall not have priority for appointment after having held appointments totaling forty (40) base units.
   c. a student registered at SFU in a doctoral program without a master’s degree or equivalent shall not have priority for appointment as a GTA 2 after having held appointments totaling fifty (50) base units

H Re-employment as a Teaching Assistant

1. To be considered for re-employment, a graduate or undergraduate Teaching Assistant must maintain:
   a. satisfactory performance as a Teaching Assistant

2. The re-employment of Teaching Assistants will also depend upon the needs and budget resources of the University.

In allocating Teaching Assistant/Tutor-Marker positions, the Department of Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology will also take into account any or all of the following, which appear in no particular order.

- Guaranteed funding for M.Sc. thesis and Ph. D. students;
- Longevity in the academic program;
  - the number of semesters in which the student has been registered,
  - the number of academic credits completed each semester
  - special circumstances that justify slower than normal progress toward the degree.
- Suitability for particular courses (i.e. discipline of prior degree(s), publications, experience);
- Instructor requests;
- Number of base units already received that semester (when an additional assignment is being considered);
- Applicant’s preferences.

If an assignment within a priority group requires a selection between applicants, the graduate student without financial support from merit-based scholarships or merit-based fellowships during the semester of appointment will have priority for the appointment.

In accordance with the Collective Agreement, the assignment given a Teaching Assistant/Tutor-Marker will not normally be fewer than three (3) or more than seven (7) base units, although it is not possible for the Department of Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology to guarantee applicants an appointment to a particular course and/or to a particular number of tutorials in any given semester.

Please note: Positions are not guaranteed. Appointments are conditional upon enrollments.

Please refer to http://www.tssu.ca/index.html for further information on TSSU