Priority for appointment/reappointment as a Teaching Assistant is in accordance with Article XIII of the Collective Agreement with the Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU). The Department of Earth Sciences shall give priority in the following order:

1. Qualified graduate students registered in Earth Sciences
2. Qualified graduate students registered in other departments at SFU
3. Qualified undergraduate students registered in Earth Sciences
   - Qualified undergraduate students registered in other departments at SFU
   - Qualified external applicants

In allocating Teaching Assistant positions, the Department will also take into account the following:

- Instructor requests;
- Suitability for particular courses (e.g. discipline of prior degree(s))
- Applicant’s preferences;
- Employment evaluations;
- Amount of financial support offered on admission to the graduate program;
- Number of base units already received to ensure sufficient teaching-related experience in her/his field of study.

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 with a value equal to at least a 5.17 appointment, will have priority for the appointment.