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).

In allocating Teaching Assistant positions, the Department of Philosophy considers the following:

- Instructor requests;
- Applicant’s preferences;
- Amount of financial support already received or offered on admission to the graduate program;
- Suitability for particular courses (e.g. discipline of prior degree(s), publications, experience, area of research, courses taken);
- Employment evaluations;
- Number of base units already received to ensure sufficient teaching-related experience in her/his field of study; priority goes to applicants in good standing who have received fewer teaching assignments;
- Total amount of fellowship and research assistantship support received while in the graduate program.

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.

Failure to give timely acceptance to an offer of employment as a TA may result in loss of priority for the semester. In the Department of Philosophy, timely acceptance is defined as one week from date of offer.