



Nomination Process for Lead Graduate Teacher

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Each academic year one of our GPTIs acts as Lead Graduate Teacher, or “Lead GPTI.” Lead GPTIs provide training and assistance to TAs and to their fellow GPTIs, and they run and coordinate workshops as part of the Graduate Teacher Program at CU’s Center for Teaching & Learning. The position comes with a stipend (\$2,500 in recent years). The Department nominates one of our GPTIs each January for the position for the coming academic year. The nominee then submits an application, typically due in February, to the Center for Teaching & Learning.

The Lead GPTI nomination pool consists of GPTIs whom the Department has put up for GPTI Teaching Excellence Awards and who will remain graduate students in the Department for the entirety of the coming academic year. If none of these GPTIs is available for the position, the Faculty Teaching Mentor will find additional candidates by reaching out to our most experienced GPTIs who have a record of teaching excellence and who plan to remain in the program for the coming year.

If the Faculty Teaching Mentor has multiple roughly equally qualified candidates interested in the position, a committee consisting of the Faculty Teaching Mentor (committee chair), the Department Chair, and the Director of Graduate Studies will convene to select the nominee. The committee will consider the following criteria.

Primary Criteria:

- teaching experience
- FCQ scores
- teaching observations by faculty members (whether as a TA or GPTI)
- other relevant evaluations (e.g., a professor’s evaluation of a TA’s capacity as a grader)
- how active the student has been in the Graduate Teacher Program already.

Secondary (tie-breaking) Criteria:

- how far along the student is in the program relative to their year (students who are making faster progress are more likely to be selected)
- how active the student is in Departmental affairs (students who are active around the Department are more likely to be selected, on the grounds that this increases the probability that they will be available to help other GPTIs and TAs)
- diversity considerations.

The Department does not make the final determination on who will be appointed Lead GPTI. We nominate a single candidate to the Center for Teaching & Learning who then makes the appointment.