ENVS Student Community,

It’s that time again! The Environmental Program is looking for approximately 15 Teaching Assistants for ENVS 001, *Introduction to Environmental Studies*, Fall 2020. We are expecting approximately 230 students in the class as interest in the environment is definitely on an upswing.

The TA position is a paid job ($11.50/hr) and you can receive up to two credits through ENVS 284, Teaching About the Environment.

Being a TA is a demanding and rewarding experience. We ask a lot of you and are most grateful for all that you offer to the students in the course. We expect the TAs to represent the very best of what the Environmental Program has to offer; a good TA can make a powerful and lasting impression on students.

Being a TA means not only taking responsibility for your section(s). You are also responsible for attending class and working effectively in a team with other TAs to manage course logistics and assignments.

The duties for the position of TA include:
* meeting with students during weekly labs / discussion sessions
* leading field trips, implementing lab activities
* grading weekly homework assignments
* attending lectures (MWF 10:50-11:40 am)
* managing Web CT/Blackboard tools
* attending mandatory weekly TA meetings (Fridays 8:00-9:30 am)
* monitoring and grading exams
* attending a weekend-long training retreat early in the semester
* other support work

You need to have taken ENVS 001 or a comparable course. If you are an ENVS major, it is a good idea to have completed or be enrolled in ENVS101, Academic Planning Workshop. Juniors and seniors are both welcome to apply; non-ENVS majors can also apply if they have relevant experience and course work. Previous teaching experience or peer mentoring is certainly valuable though not required. As you can imagine, being a TA makes a very nice entry on your resume as it shows your experience as a teacher and as a member of an academic community. It is also a great thing for references to write about when you need letters of recommendation.

*TO APPLY:* Please send a cover letter to Cathleen.Trivieres@uvm.edu by MONDAY April 6, 2020. Please put “ENVS001 TA application” in the subject heading. In your letter, please include:
1) 1-2 paragraphs about why you want to be a TA and which days of the week (MTWThF ~12-4pm) you will be available for labs;
2) how best to contact you via phone and email
3) the name of one UVM faculty person as a reference with his/her/their email address
4) an attached copy of your resume
5) an attached sample of your writing -- a short paper (2-3 pages) or part of a paper (because writing is such an important part of this course)

I look forward to reading your application.

With thanks,

Amy Seidl

*APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY April 6, 2020*