

Chinese Language Teaching Assistant (TA) Alternate Pool

The Department of Asian Languages and Literature is searching for applicants to join the alternate pool for Chinese language Teaching Assistants in 2026-2027, in case any of our current teaching assistants must leave their positions for any reason or if new positions become available. Alternates are not guaranteed a position, but will be notified if they qualify for alternate status.

This search is for academic year 2026-2027 only. Students who applied for a Chinese TA position earlier this year may re-apply.

General Duties/Description:

Job duties include, but are not limited to, teaching Chinese language classes in Chinese, preparing/grading tests, homework, and assignments, keeping student records, participating in TA meetings, attending course lectures, and collaborating with the supervisor and other TAs.

Requirements:

Graduate students accepted by or enrolled at the University of Washington are eligible to apply.

Undergraduate students are not eligible. Previous teaching experience is a plus. Strong Chinese language skills are required. TA positions require strong organizational and communication skills and the ability to work well both individually and as part of a team.

If you are not an Asian Languages and Literature Department student, it's important for you to make sure that the responsibilities of this position (daily schedule and workload) do not conflict with the academic requirements and workload of your graduate program. Please confirm (with your program adviser/staff if necessary) that you would be able to teach and attend lectures, usually in the morning Monday through Friday (1 - 2 hours every day), in addition to class prep, office hours, grading, and other responsibilities, up to a maximum average of 20 hours per week.

By the time of appointment, non-native English-speaking applicants will have to satisfy the English speaking proficiency requirements found in [Graduate School Policy 5.2](https://grad.uw.edu/policies/5-2-conditions-of-appointment-for-tas-who-are-not-native-speakers-of-english/) (<https://grad.uw.edu/policies/5-2-conditions-of-appointment-for-tas-who-are-not-native-speakers-of-english/>).

Compensation:

Salary starts at the Teaching Assistant (TA) level, which is \$3,612 per month. Higher salaries depend on academic rank (i.e. post-MA or PhD candidate; see **Notes** below for more information). The position includes salary, a waiver of tuition and some fees, and benefits including health insurance.

How to Apply:

To apply, please submit a cover letter **including your UW Student ID number**, CV/resume, and unofficial transcript(s) (for UW transcript, download PDF from MyUW) via email to Academic Counselor Kirk L. Van Scoyoc at asianadv@uw.edu **no later than September 15, 2026**. The cover letter may be addressed to Professor Chan Lü, the department chair. An interview following application review may be required. Decisions will be sent by September 29, 2026.

Application inquiries may be made with:

Kirk L. Van Scoyoc (asianadv@uw.edu), Department of Asian Languages and Literature.

Notes:

This job classification is governed by a [negotiated labor contract](https://hr.uw.edu/labor/academic-and-student-unions/uaw-ase/ase-contract) (<https://hr.uw.edu/labor/academic-and-student-unions/uaw-ase/ase-contract>) and is subject to union shop provisions. For more information about union shop provisions, visit: <http://www.washington.edu/admin/hr/jobs/apl/union-info.html>