



THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Application for Graduate Admission Supplementary Application – Kinesiology (KNES)

Please upload the response to the questions below to the *Uploads Requirement* section (*Supplementary Application*) of the online application.

Applicants Interested in a Teaching Assistantship

This is an application for a teaching assistantship only; it is not an application to the Graduate School or an application for a research assistantship. Students interested in a research assistantship (RA) should contact their advisor directly. This teaching application will only be considered upon successful admission to the Department of Kinesiology Graduate Program. Therefore, apply early because the Graduate School admission decision is made by February 15 (for fall semester assistantships) or September 30 (for spring semester assistantships). Notification of assistantship selections may be April or later for fall or November for spring.

Overview of Teaching Assistantship Opportunities

The Department of Kinesiology relies on teaching assistants in two major capacities. Our Physical Activity Program relies on teaching assistants with specific expertise or experience in the physical activity or sport being taught (e.g., basketball, tennis, weight training, etc.); a full list of such courses can be found at the Testudo schedule of classes: www.testudo.umd.edu.

Our Undergraduate Program offers courses in a variety of kinesiology disciplines (e.g., sport history, sport sociology, exercise physiology, cognitive/motor behavior) and teaching assistants with such expertise are sought to assist with discussion and laboratory sections of those courses. A listing of such courses with discussion and lab sections can also be found on the Testudo Schedule of Classes website (e.g., KNES 287, 285, 293, 300, 360, 370, 385). The department offers 9-month renewable teaching assistantships for up to two years for Master's students and up to four years for doctoral students. Contract renewals are based on satisfactory degree progress as well as satisfactory performance as a teaching assistant.

Application Instructions

Using one page maximum, please describe your interest in and ability to serve as a teaching assistant in our Physical Activity Program and/or our Undergraduate Program more broadly. Describe your previous experiences as an athlete, teaching assistant, instructional aide, avid participant, etc., that speak to your qualifications, or discuss other experiences that contribute to your ability to teach one or more of these classes. Please be specific with regard to your abilities and the specific courses you are interested in teaching. If possible, please include the names of up to two references who can speak to your qualifications. Finally, list any honors or awards you have earned in sport or teaching that are relevant to your application. Be sure to include your name and proposed degree in your statement.
