

Western Illinois University

School of Music



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Position Title: Graduate Assistant in University Bands
Rank: Teaching Support Assistant (3/3 TSA)

Availability: To begin Fall 2020

Reports to: School of Music Graduate Coordinator and Director of Bands

Terms of Employment:

- 8-month contract, covering Fall and Spring semesters of the academic year
- Renewable for a second year of study
- 20 hours per week of duties as assigned by the Director of Bands

Compensation:

- \$943/month, 8-month contract = \$7544 per academic year (\$3772/semester)
- Full tuition waiver for all graduate credits (not including fees)
- Tuition waiver for summer courses
- Total benefit to student: \$14,000/year (US domestic tuition); \$17,500/year (international tuition)

Position Description: Duties include assisting in the operation of all university band activities, performing in the requisite concert ensemble, and leading Pep Band for basketball and volleyball games. Opportunities may be available to conduct the Wind Ensemble, Chamber Winds, Concert Band, University Band, as well as gain drill-writing experience with the "Marching Leathernecks."

Qualifications:

- Must be accepted as a full-time, degree-seeking student in a WIU School of Music graduate program
- Must be enrolled in a minimum of 9 semester hours of graduate study
- Maintain GPA of at least 3.00; first-semester graduate students must also have an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.00
- Bachelor of Music or Bachelor of Arts in Music degree required
- Organizational and management skills are required; evidence of basic conducting and communication skills demonstrated by a conducting audition and interview with the Director of Bands and Associate Director of Bands is required; enrollment in Master of Music in Instrumental Conducting or Music Education is preferred; public school teaching experience is preferred.

Application Process and Deadline:

- Visit [WIU Bands](#) and the [School of Music Graduate Program](#) for admission requirements and program descriptions
- Contact [Dr. Michael Fansler](#), Director of Bands, and [Dr. Anita Hardeman](#), School of Music Graduate Coordinator
- Complete the online [WIU Graduate Application](#)

Please submit all required application materials by **January 31, 2020**. Review of applications will begin on this date and continue until the position is filled.