

Western Illinois University

School of Music



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Position Title: Graduate Assistant in Jazz Studies Area
Rank: Teaching Support Assistant (3/3 TSA)

Availability: To begin Fall 2020

Reports to: School of Music Graduate Coordinator and Director of Jazz Studies

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 Jazz Studies

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 choosing, rehearsing, and performing the music associated with the Interfaith Jazz Gathering, as well as providing logistical support for the events. Other duties include assisting the Jazz Studies Area faculty with administrative and logistical support for program activities.

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
- Evidence of strong organizational and communication skills required; evidence of performance experience in jazz combos and/or jazz big bands preferred.

Application Process and Deadline:

- Visit [WIU Jazz](#) and the [School of Music Graduate Program](#) for admission requirements and program descriptions
- Contact [Dr. John Cooper](#), Director of Jazz Studies, 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.