

# Department of Chemistry Student Assistant Job Descriptions

# LAB PREP ASSISTANT (All 1000 Level Courses)

#### **Duties:**

- Primary duties include assisting the technicians in preparation and set-up of the necessary chemicals, glassware, waste receptacles and equipment for teaching laboratories.
- Duties may also include the dismantling of those items listed above and/or handling of waste following completion of experiments in teaching laboratories.

## **Expectations**:

Student Lab Prep Assistants are expected to:

- be skilled and knowledgeable in the subject areas, and be familiar with the safe handling of all chemicals, waste, glassware, and equipment;
- be punctual, motivated, and reliable;
- to ask for help or extra instruction when needed;
- report any incidents to the Technician;
- adhere to all safety policies set out under the Faculty of Science;
- follow relevant Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs);
- supply your own properly-fitting lab coats and safety glasses.

#### Requirements:

- Overall minimum grade of B- (or higher) must be attained in both General Chemistry I and II; or permission of the instructor. A full unofficial transcript is required when submitting your application.
- WHMIS certified in the last 12 months
- preference may be given to more senior/more experienced students; all interested students having completed first-year chemistry are encouraged to apply

# **Duration:**

Undergraduate student TAs: 36 hours total

Graduate student TAs: 48 hours total

- Distribution of hours to be agreed upon between student and technician supervisor.
- Invigilation duty or other department duties may contribute towards the total hours (if hours are needed to make-up the total) with permission of the instructor.

### Pay:

• To be paid as according to SMU's Payroll Teaching Assistant/Student Marker/Demonstrator Schedule for the term hired.

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