

**The Department of Economics invites applications for:  
Teaching Assistant positions – Fall 2024 Semester (1247)**

**Duration of Appointment:** September 3 to December 31, 2024

**Application Closing Date:** 5pm on July 12, 2024

**Apply Here:** <https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/LDFG77M>

Qualifications of an applicant for a position include consideration of the following:

- (a) In the case of reappointment, satisfactory performance as a teaching assistant, based on TA ratings on course evaluation forms and by course instructors.
- (b) Sufficient knowledge in the discipline of the course to interpret the course material.

The Technical Workshop is a daily drop-in workshop that students from any undergraduate Economics course can attend for help with R (incl. RStudio, RMarkdown) and Excel. TAs must be technically proficient in the use of these tools (having passed a graduate level course requiring their use) and must be generally knowledgeable about economics/econometrics.

EAL writing support TA positions in ECON 220W and the Writing Workshop require at least one year of experience or equivalent training in providing academic writing support to students who speak English as an Additional Language. Examples of relevant experience and training include but are not limited to prior TA positions in which writing support is a significant component of the work, staff positions in writing support, and coursework in EAL learning or writing support. These positions do not require knowledge of economics.

**Expected Base Units:** For most courses, base units are anticipated to range from 3-5.17. Courses with marking duties only have an expected base unit range of 0-4. Technical and Writing workshops are 3 base units each. Base units are subject to change based on enrollment. Courses marked with \* are TAs without assigned tutorial sections. These TAs involve mainly marking. Courses marked with \*\* are Writing Intensive. TAs receive additional Base Units for preparation in Writing Intensive courses.

Course	Title	Location	Position	Expected Base Unit
ECON 102*	The World Economy	Burnaby	TA	2.17-5.17
ECON 103	Principles of Microeconomics	Burnaby	TA	2.17-5.17
ECON 103	Principles of Microeconomics	Surrey	TA	2.17-5.17
ECON 105	Principles of Macroeconomics	Burnaby	TA	2.17-5.17
ECON 105	Principles of Macroeconomics	Surrey	TA	2.17-5.17
ECON 113	Introduction to Microeconomics	Burnaby	TA	2.17-5.17
ECON 115	Introduction to Macroeconomics	Burnaby	TA	2.17-5.17
ECON 201	Microeconomic Theory I	Burnaby	TA	2.17-5.17
ECON 220W (EAL writing support TA)*	Communication in Economics	Burnaby	TA	3.17-6.17
ECON 260	Environmental Economics	Burnaby	TA	2.17-5.17
ECON 291	Macroeconomic Policy	Burnaby	TA	2.17-5.17
ECON 302	Microeconomic Theory II	Burnaby	TA	2.17-5.17
ECON 305	Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory	Burnaby	TA	2.17-5.17
ECON 325	Industrial Organization	Burnaby	TA	2.17-5.17
ECON 333	Statistical Analysis of Economic Data	Burnaby	TA	2.17-5.17
ECON 334	Data Visualization and Economic Analysis	Burnaby	TA	2.17-5.17
ECON 342	International Trade	Burnaby	TA	2.17-5.17
ECON 345	International Finance	Burnaby	TA	2.17-5.17
ECON 355W	Economic Development	Burnaby	TA	2.17-5.17
ECON 383*	Selected Topics: Environment Economics	Burnaby	TA	3
ECON 393	Public Economics: Taxation	Burnaby	TA	2.17-5.17
ECON 460*	Seminar in Environmental Economics	Burnaby	TA	2.17-5.17
ECON 802*	Microeconomic Theory I	Burnaby	TA	3
ECON 804	Microeconomic Theory II	Burnaby	TA	3.17
ECON 818*	Applied Economic Analysis Using Time Series Methods	Burnaby	TA	3
ECON 835*	Econometrics	Burnaby	TA	3



Technical Workshop		Burnaby	TA	3
Writing Workshop		Burnaby	TA	3

**TA Mentor Positions:**

TA mentors will receive an additional 1 BU (40.9 hours) on top of their standard TA contract for the course. As an extension of the TA Mentor pilot program in Fall 2022, the Department of Economics is hiring mentor TAs for the following courses, pending enrollment > 150 students:

- ECON 103 D100 / D200
- ECON 105 D100 / D200
- ECON 113 D100
- ECON 115 D100

**Duties for TA mentors include:**

- Providing the TAs with weekly lesson plans, including slides and activities
- Communicating as a group using WhatsApp, and/or via regular in-person meetings
- Serving as spokesperson for TAs when there were shared concerns that needed to be raised with the instructor
- Holding weekly drop-in office hours for TAs
- Making classroom visits to provide new TAs with feedback on their teaching
- Other common areas of support with issues that arise in marking assignments, engaging students in discussion, TA time management, and general workload anxiety.

**Qualifications:**

- Applicants must be registered at SFU for a doctoral degree or as a qualifying student for a doctoral program (Article XIII 2.b).
- Applicants must have at least four semesters of experience as Teaching Assistant in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (and at least two semesters of experience as a Teaching Assistant in the course).
- Experience mentoring or collaborating with other TAs is desired
- Experience teaching students from a variety of disciplines is desired

**Rates and Wages**

Wages are paid on a salaried basis and defined in terms of Base Units (BUs) which include 4% vacation pay. One BU corresponds to a maximum of 42 hours of work (less 1.1 hours for statutory holiday compensation). The dollar value per BU varies depending on your status as a student; all values are effective May 1, 2024:

Student Status	Salary per BU	Scholarship per BU*	Total per BU*
Undergraduate	\$1,242	\$0	\$1,242
Master's	\$1,242	\$190	\$1,432
PhD	\$1,242	\$420	\$1,662
Non-Student	\$1,242	\$0	\$1,242

The anticipated wages for the above TA postings are as follows, less unworked prep BUs (typically 0.17 BUs, but with some exceptions):

Student Status	Base Units			
	3	4	5	6
Undergraduate	\$3,657	\$4,876	\$6,095	\$7,314
Master's	\$4,508	\$5,940	\$7,372	\$8,804
PhD	\$5,198	\$6,860	\$8,522	\$10,184



Non-Student	\$3,657	\$4,876	\$6,095	\$7,314
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**OTHER INFORMATION:** Departments/schools/programs may interview a short list of candidates. Some qualifications/documents may be waived for graduate students enrolled in the SFU department/school/program in which they are applying to teach.

**EQUITY:** The University is committed to the principle of equity in employment. (See [Policy GP 19.](#))

**PRIVACY:** The information submitted with an application is collected under the authority of the *University Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c.468, s. 27(4)(a)), applicable federal and provincial employment regulations and requirements, the University's non-academic employment policies and applicable Collective Agreements. The information is related directly to and needed by the University to initiate the employment application process. The information will be used to contact references supplied by an applicant, evaluate an applicant's qualifications, and complete the employment process by making a hiring decision. Applicant information may also be disclosed to the TSSU in accordance with Article XIII F.3.1.b of the Collective Agreement. If you have any questions about the collection, use and disclosure of this information please contact the Associate VP, Human Resources, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6. Telephone [778-782-3237](tel:778-782-3237).

[BC's Employment Standards Act \(ESA\)](#) provides employers and employees with guidelines to ensure the consistent and legal application of employment practices and employee rights. Refer to the ESA website and [SFU's policies and procedures](#) for facts and procedural information. Note that certain clauses in Collective Agreements will supersede language in the ESA and vice versa.