



## MEMO

**DATE:** March 3, 2026  
**TO:** Deans, Department Heads, Program Directors and Graduate Coordinators  
**FROM:** Carolyn Pepper, VP and Dean  
**RE:** Request for proposals for the LIFE Graduate Teaching Assistantships

This RFP announces the availability of graduate assistantships for AY 2026-27 and AY 2027-28 (**two academic years**) for teaching in the LIFE program. If you have questions concerning particular courses, please contact Jonathan Prather at [Jonathan.Prather@uwyo.edu](mailto:Jonathan.Prather@uwyo.edu).

GTA positions will be awarded to departments who are willing to commit either their current student(s) or new incoming students to teach in LIFE.

- Students who already provide teaching support in the LIFE program can be considered for continuation
- and/or additional GTA positions for new students admitted to UW in the Fall 2026 semester who are qualified to teach in LIFE courses.
- **Preference will be given to programs that can commit the same outstanding individual for at least two semesters and, ideally, for the entire two-year opportunity.**

LIFE courses and anticipated GTA duties for each student involved in that course are:

### Fall –26 GAs

LIFE 1002: Discovering Science assistant instructor  
 LIFE 1010: General Biology - 2 labs  
 LIFE 1020: Life Sciences assistant instructor  
 LIFE 1101: Ecological Research assistant instructor  
 LIFE 2022: Animal Biology - 2 labs  
 LIFE 2023: Plant & Fungal Biology - 2 labs  
 LIFE 3050: Genetics - 3 discussion sections  
 LIFE 3400: Ecology - expanded GA from PIE Program  
 (this person contributes to instruction)  
 LIFE 3410: Field Ecology - 2 labs  
 LIFE 3500: Evolutionary Biology assistant instructor

### Spring –27 GAs

LIFE 1003: Current Issues in Biology - 2 labs  
 LIFE 1010: General Biology - 2 labs  
  
 LIFE 2022: Animal Biology - 2 labs  
 LIFE 2023: Plant & Fungal Biology - 2 labs  
 LIFE 3050: Genetics - 3 discussion sections  
 LIFE 3400: Ecology - expanded GA from PIE Program  
 (this person contributes to instruction)  
  
 LIFE 3600: Cell Biology - 2 discussions

**Department Heads** must submit the following to be considered:

- Names of all current LIFE GAs whom you request to be continued
- Number of new GA positions requested
- Indicate MS level vs. PhD level for each student. *This is essential for budget planning – any lines that are not filled during the fall semester will be reassigned for the academic year, and PhD lines filled with an MS student will be converted to this level for the academic year.*
- Duration over which you are committing each individual (one semester, one year, two years)
- LIFE courses your students are qualified to teach

Proposals are due in the Office of Graduate Education by **5:00 p.m., Monday 30 March 2026**. Please submit your proposal as an electronic pdf via email to the School of Graduate Education ([GradEd@uwyo.edu](mailto:GradEd@uwyo.edu)). **New GTAs to begin in August 2026 should be identified by Friday 29 May 2026.**