

**Kennesaw State University (KSU)**  
**Master of Arts in Professional Writing (MAPW)**  
**Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) Application**

**Eligibility**

- 3.0 GPA in your bachelor's degree and/or in any previous MA, MFA, and PhD degree
- Acceptance to the MAPW program (see admission requirements [here](#))
- Composition and Rhetoric concentration or support area (if it is not your area of concentration)
- Cannot hold another paid position with a USG institution
- [Click here](#) for all Graduate College eligibility details

To be considered for the GTA position, please return the following documents to Terri Dudenhoeffer at [tdudenho@kennesaw.edu](mailto:tdudenho@kennesaw.edu) by the deadline specified on the Teaching Assistantship [website](#):

- This form
  - Resume/CV
  - Statement of Purpose
  - Writing Sample
  - Letter of Reference
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**Full name:**

**Area of concentration:**

**Support area(s):**

**Statement of Purpose**

Include a 500 to 700-word statement in which you discuss the following:

- your interest in becoming a teaching assistant at KSU
- your interest in teaching in the First-Year Composition Program.
- the qualities that would make you an effective composition instructor.
- specific ways instructors can support student success.
- your relevant experience, especially tutoring, teaching, etc.
- your career aspirations after graduation.

If there are any substantial gaps in your résumé, low course grades on your transcripts, or any other similar situations, please include a brief discussion within the context of your statement.

**Writing Sample**

Include an academic writing sample, not a sample of creative writing, of at least 10 to 20 double-spaced pages. This should be a single sample that includes citations of academic sources, as well as a bibliography. The sample should be in MLA, APA (American Psychological Association), or Chicago style.

**Letter of Reference**

Include a letter of reference from a current or former professor about your ability to think critically and work well with others, as well as your overall performance in a writing-intensive class.

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The TA Hiring committee will invite brief MS TEAMS interviews after the application deadline has passed, so please monitor your email for details. Admission decisions will be made and communicated to applicants following interviews. If you have any questions, please contact Terri Dudenhoeffer at [tdudenho@kennesaw.edu](mailto:tdudenho@kennesaw.edu) or 470-578-3335.