Chemistry Merit TA Responsibilities and Requirements

Job Responsibilities (for around ~10 paid hours per week starting at $14/hour)

- Attend Chemistry TA training & Merit TA training (Tentatively scheduled to take place in person the during the afternoon on Wednesday August 18, Thursday August 19, and Friday August 20.)
- Attend Merit TA training (morning of Thursday August 19).
- Attend Gen Chem TA Meeting (the Friday before classes start in August).
- Teach your assigned Merit section (2-4 hours per week)
- Hold 2 hours of office hours a week (in the Merit TA office; not the CLC so you only have to worry about your Merit students).
- Attend Merit TA meeting once a week with me (about 30 minutes).
- Prep time: make worksheets (I give you samples that you can build off of), mock exams, other activities that would help the students learn chemistry collaboratively. And, your professor may ask you to assist with exam proctoring/grading and have an additional weekly meeting.

Preferred qualifications:

- Grades of B+ or higher in all general and organic chemistry courses
- Experience taking Merit classes
- Previous tutoring or mentoring experience

Required qualifications:

- Completion of Chem 232 or Chem 236 by the end of the Spring 2021 semester
- Grades of B or higher in all general and organic chemistry courses
- Enthusiasm for and willingness to help other students learn chemistry collaboratively

If you are interested, please fill out the application here.

Before submitting the application, you will be asked to provide:

1. Your fall 2021 class schedule
2. A pdf copy of your academic history (downloadable from UIUC Self Service)
3. Names and email addresses of two references who will be sent a short recommendation form to fill out

The initial deadline to apply for full consideration is Tuesday June 1. Anyone applying by this deadline will hear back from me about their application status by the end of June. If all spots are not filled after that point, I will continue to accept applications on a rolling basis. Please contact me at Elise McCarren at emccarr2@illinois.edu with any questions.