

# WANTED: OUTSTANDING TAS

## TEACHING ASSISTANT FELLOWS (TAF) PROGRAM

### THE TAF PROGRAM

**Who?** Approximately 15 outstanding USC graduate students form the **Center for Excellence in Teaching (CET) Teaching Assistant (TA) Fellows**.

**When?** The program runs for one academic year.

#### **What, Why and How?**

1. A service organization that works to enhance TA instruction across the university. TA Fellows collaborate to combine their personal teaching expertise with research on best practices and then deliver it to all.
2. CET TA Fellows are provided professional development through mentoring with CET Faculty Fellows and monthly CET forums. TA Fellows receive advanced training in the modern theory and practice of pedagogy.

**Other Responsibilities:** Attend monthly meetings, collaborate with CET Fellows and staff, and work to create or edit TA development materials.

### KEY BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- Enrich TA instruction across the university
- Receive mentoring by CET Faculty Fellows
- Keep up with the best practices of learning/teaching
- Gain experience in instructional design
- Enhance your teaching portfolio for the job market

### TO APPLY

Create ONE electronic file containing the materials listed below. Name the file: TAFApp\_lastname\_firstname.pdf or TAFApp\_lastname\_firstname.doc (e.g. TAFApp\_doe\_jane.doc) and email it to [uscctet@usc.edu](mailto:uscctet@usc.edu) with subject line "TAF 2010 Application."

- Cover letter stating your name, department, contact information, area of research, progress towards degree, teaching experience, and reason for interest in TAF program
- Statement of teaching philosophy (1 – 2 pages)
- Portfolio demonstrating teaching ability (may include student evaluations, student letters, syllabi, or other course materials)
- Curriculum vitae
- Teaching Evaluations
- Additionally, have one faculty member familiar with your teaching send a recommendation (as the body of an email message) to [uscctet@usc.edu](mailto:uscctet@usc.edu) with the subject line "TAF\_rec\_lastname."

**Deadline for application and for faculty recommendation: 05/01/10**

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