



TEACHING SCHOLARS FELLOWSHIP 2023-2024 ANNOUNCEMENT

The Teaching Scholars program is designed to encourage advanced graduate students in their preparation as scholar-teachers by providing a series of experiences, activities, and responsibilities appropriate to the scholar-teacher. These include mentoring new graduate student teachers as a part of the Graduate School's Teaching Effectiveness Seminar. This fellowship is designed to help students to integrate teaching and research by:

- developing effective communication skills;
- developing an identity as a teacher and scholar;
- developing mentorship skills and serving as mentors;
- learning innovative ways to effectively enhance teaching.

No more than two applications per department will be accepted.

Teaching Scholar Award

This award is only available for advanced PhD students in the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Social Work, and School of Education. The award is for September 2023 through May 2024 and provides a stipend, a tuition award scholarship, and health insurance.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants are expected to have experience as a teacher of record for a course at Loyola University Chicago or another college/university, or significant experience as a teaching assistant at Loyola University Chicago. If an applicant does not meet this expectation owing to special circumstances, the applicant's graduate program director must write a cover letter for the application explaining the special circumstances.

Students with identities that are under-represented in their disciplines are strongly encouraged to apply. The Graduate School at Loyola University Chicago believes that students and our community is best served when the university population reflects the larger society and encourages the programs under its jurisdiction to embrace diversity and strive for inclusion. A diverse academic community enhances the pursuit of knowledge and its contribution to our understanding of the world around us.

Applicants must be in good academic standing. Typically, applicants will not be in the final stages of their dissertation work. The expectation is that these students will have the opportunity to serve as teaching mentors in their departments beyond the award year. **When available, applicants should have completed their departmental teaching training program and the Graduate School's Teaching Effectiveness Seminar before the Teaching Scholars year begins.**

The Teaching Scholar Award is conditional upon the applicant's meeting all eligibility requirements, which are the applicant's sole responsibility. The application of a student who does not meet the eligibility requirements will not be considered. If it is determined that the recipient has not met the eligibility requirements after a decision has been made, the award will be withdrawn.

Decision Criteria

The Graduate Fellowships Committee, an independent body of Graduate School faculty members from a variety of disciplines, reviews the applications and makes award recommendations based on the following criteria:

- the applicant's academic and background information;
- the applicant's course syllabus, statement of goals and/or teaching philosophy, and other representative teaching materials;
- supporting faculty member evaluations and recommendations; and
- departmental evaluation of the applicant.

Conditions of Receiving a Teaching Scholar Award

In accepting an award, each recipient agrees to:

- 1) required participation in the Teaching Effectiveness Seminar as mentor to other graduate students;
- 2) required attendance at regular meetings of the scholars;
- 3) meetings required for the planning of a dedicated seminar session;
- 4) not hold a concurrent assistantship, fellowship, or scholarship from another source, part-time teaching position or employment exceeding 19.5 hours per week during the award period.

Applications

Application material is available from the Graduate School website. The application deadlines are:

- **January 13, 2023:** Department Evaluation Form and supporting material must be received by the department; Letters of recommendation should be submitted directly to department for inclusion in application materials
- **January 27, 2023:** A PDF of the nominee's required application material must be sent electronically to the Graduate School at gradschool@luc.edu by midnight of the deadline date. Please follow the naming convention "STUDENT NAME Teaching Scholar Application" for titling the submission email.