

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY – Graduate Affairs
University of California, Santa Barbara

2011-2012 Rules for TA Assignment

1. Requests for a student to be supported by a TA (as well as requests that a student should not TA in a particular quarter) must be submitted to the TA assignment committee by the deadline (one quarter before the term requested). Requests after the deadline will have lower priority.
2. After the sixth term of TA assignments for a particular student, a detailed justification of the request is required.
3. The committee will take into account the expertise of the student for the specific assignment.
4. Priority for TA assignments will be given to Chemistry students who have been a TA for less than 6 quarters, followed by chemistry advised students from affiliated departments who have been a TA for less than 6 quarters followed by Chemistry students who have been a TA for greater than 6 quarters but less than 9 quarters
5. Nine terms of TA assignment is the maximum for any particular student unless severe financial considerations make it impossible to support the student by other means. Such students have priority for funds over postdoctoral fellows and technicians.
6. Requests for TA support carry no guarantee of the assignment that the student will be given. If a particular student has special qualifications for a particular assignment, that must be described in the request.
7. All students beyond their first year who have taught less than 3 quarters will be put automatically on a T.A. backup list that will be considered for T.A. positions that need to be filled. Faculty request for a specific student not to T.A. in a particular quarter will be taken into account, however, there is no guarantee such request can be met.
8. The TA assignment committee will generate a list of definite assignments and a prioritized list of alternates in case additional TA help is needed.
9. Students who have demonstrated poor performance of TA duties will be on probation and may be dismissed from the program if performance does not improve.