



Graduate Teaching Fellows Program

The Graduate Teaching Fellows (GTF) Program is designed for students who are seriously considering a career in academe. The program provides an opportunity to gain real-world university teaching experience and opportunities to learn more about an academic career. GTFs are assigned to teach a regular undergraduate Mechanical Engineering course and work with a faculty mentor. The fellow has the same academic freedom as a regular faculty member in structuring the course and is responsible for the course syllabus, quizzes, and examinations as well as maintaining appropriate commonality among sections in the same course. The faculty mentor provides guidance as desired by the fellow.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION:

The program allows students contemplating academic careers a chance to see first hand what is involved in university teaching, giving them valuable additional information to help in making a career choice. Furthermore, the program gives the fellows an edge on the competition in obtaining a faculty position. Several recent fellows have reported that their participation in the GTF program was instrumental in obtaining an academic appointment.

REQUIREMENTS:

The prospective fellow must have passed the Ph.D. comprehensive examination prior to the semester of the GTF appointment and have a sincere interest in a faculty career involving teaching and research.

STIPEND:

A one-half time, graduate assistant stipend at Grade 16 will be provided. The department will also pay tuition for ME 600/601 and the insurance co-payment.

OTHER SUPPORT:

In addition to guidance from the faculty mentor, the fellow will be provided with assistance of up to 20 hours per week from a grader.

SELECTION PROCEDURE:

Candidates must be nominated by Mechanical Engineering faculty members. Nominations for participation during Fall Semester must be received by the end of the prior May. Selections will be announced during June.