NOTICE OF VACANCY

DATE OF NOTICE: January 7, 2010

POSITION: Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Modern Languages

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: August 9, 2010 and as vacancies occur throughout the year.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
Responsible for teaching one 4-credit section of elementary or intermediate Spanish, German, or ESL, or one elementary 5-credit section for French per semester during the academic year. Some appointments may require teaching at night. Teaching assistants are supervised by the department TA supervisor. Graduate teaching assistants may be required to perform non-teaching departmental services assignments each week. Graduate teaching Assistants are required to report for a week-long orientation and training workshop August 9-13, 2010.

QUALIFICATIONS:
• Bachelor's degree.
• Admissions to the College of Graduate Studies at Minnesota State University, Mankato.
• Applicants for Spanish, German, French whose first language is not English must demonstrate their ability to study in English by submitting a TOEFL score of 570 or equivalent and a minimum oral proficiency of Advance Low (or equivalent) on the he ACTFL Oral Proficiency Scale in the language to be taught.
• ESL candidate whose first language is not English must demonstrate their ability to study in English by submitting a TOEFL score of 570 or equivalent.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:
• Current full-time graduate student status in Spanish, French or TESL. Other graduate programs will be considered.
• Capacity for graduate study based on academic record.
• Teaching experience and experience in the country where the language to be taught is spoken.
• Experience with computer-assisted teaching.
• Applicants must demonstrate a strong commitment to teaching in the largest language and share a commitment to cultural diversity.

RELATED INFORMATION:
Graduate Teaching Assistants are required to enroll in a methods course (MODL 560 for Spanish, German, French TAs and MODL 570 for ESL TAs) in their first semester of teaching unless equivalent training in methodology elsewhere is approved by the department. Graduate Teaching Assistants are required to enroll for a minimum of six credits per semester at the graduate level. Graduate teaching assistants with a summer appointment must be enrolled for at least one graduate credit.

Applications for graduate teaching assistantships will be accepted throughout the fiscal year. The initial appointment(s) will be made from the pool of applicants available at the February application deadline. If other vacancies occur during the year, all applications, including those in the original pool and those received after the initial application deadline, will be considered. All applications in the pool become inactive on July 1, 2011.

Contingent on satisfactory performance and available funding, there is a possibility that this appointment may be continued beyond the initial period of employment.

Additional information about graduate assistantships at Minnesota State Mankato and application are available at: http://grad.mnsu.edu/

TO APPLY:
Submit resume and letter addressing your qualifications for the appointment, completed Graduate Assistantship Application, unofficial transcripts, and names and phone numbers of three references. Send to:

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Salary Range: $9,000 for two 4-credit courses; $10,000 for two 5-credit courses. Full tuition waiver for Fall and Spring semesters for up to nine credits each; resident tuition rate for non-residents beyond nine credits. Appointments made after the tenth day of classes are not eligible for tuition waiver.