

GENS 1401 The Physical Environment Teacher Assistant – Fall 2026

Your role is to mark the weekly lab assignments. Our TAs are important members of our department and are integral to the learning and success of our students. This is a great opportunity for you to gain work experience within your field of interest, expand your knowledge of environmental science, and get paid!

Requirements:

- Third year standing (preferred), second year students may also apply.
- Majoring or minoring in the Department of Geography and Environment.
- Completed GENS 1401, 2421 and obtained a minimum of a B.
- Students are required to apply every academic year, even if you were a TA in the past semester.
- Canadian SIN number.

Time Commitment and Pay:

There are 8 lab assignments during the semester. We estimate ~4-5 hours a week for marking 1 lab section.

Start: September 14th, 2026.

End: December 4th, 2026.

Winter 2026 hourly wage was \$17/hour.

Key Responsibilities:

- **Attend the 1.5-hour TA orientation at the beginning of the semester (Date TBD).**
- **Follow the detailed marking key carefully.** You will receive a marking key with answers and instructions.
- **Complete the marking on time.** This ensures students receive feedback on how to improve their assignments and seek help if they need it.
- **Pay attention for any cases regarding academic misconduct** and report it to your instructor.
- **Note any students you notice struggling** and report them to the instructor. This may include students not handing in assignments, repeatedly misunderstanding questions, struggling to make graphs, and overall trouble with data analysis. You will be the first to notice when students are not understanding the learning outcomes and intervention is key to student success.

***Look at your schedule and other commitments before applying for this position. This role has strict deadlines and requires you to complete your work during times when you may have other commitments, deadlines, etc.**

***Due to our department policy, we do not accept honour students for this position, except on a case-by-case basis.**

***Pending Department Policy: Student TAs are expected to maintain their attendance in their classes/labs and maintain their GPA. If a professor notifies me that your performance or attendance is declining, you may be removed from this position so you can focus on your studies. By applying for this job, you accept this condition.**

***By applying, you grant the Department of Geography and Environment permission to view your Mount Allison University transcripts, verify your schedule, academic standing, and academic integrity record.**

APPLY:

Please email Chris Kelly (crkelly@mta.ca) by end of day Sept 9 with the following:

1. One page cover letter about why you fit the role
2. 1–2-page CV/resume
3. Unofficial Transcript