

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP - CHORAL CONDUCTING
MASTER OF MUSIC DEGREE

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY – IRVING S. GILMORE SCHOOL OF MUSIC

RESPONSIBILITIES: Assist in the administration and artistic development of the choral program. Teaching opportunities may include undergraduate conducting, aural skills, conducting Campus Choir, and others as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor of Music degree (Music Education preferred), or equivalent. Conducting/teaching experience recommended.
Full Admission to the Master of Music in Conducting program in music.
Three letters of recommendation (submitted with WMU application).

AWARD: Assistantship packages include a salary stipend and tuition credits which support the cost of tuition required for the complete degree. See wmich.edu/grad/fellowships-grants/assistantships

Contact Dr. Cristina Fava, Coordinator of Graduate Studies for the School of Music, at music-grad@wmich.edu for more information.

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: August 2026

CONDUCTING OPPORTUNITIES: Graduate Assistants in Choral Studies will have conducting opportunities with the University Chorale, Anima, Amphion, Collegium Musicum, and Campus Choir. The position includes weekly lessons with the Director of Choral Activities.

APPLICATION AND DEADLINE: January 1, 2025 is the deadline for completion of an online Graduate Assistantship application and receipt of letters of recommendation, although late applications may be considered. **(However, it would be best for you to email the Director of Choral Activities, Dr. Amanda Quist, as soon as you know you intend to apply.)** Visit the Graduate Studies Web page at wmich.edu/music/academics/grad and follow the appropriate links to access both the WMU Admissions website and the online School of Music Graduate Assistantship application. **You must apply for both to be officially considered.**

AUDITION: A link to a video demonstrating the applicant's conducting skills in rehearsal and performance must be received by January 1, please include 15 minutes of rehearsal, 15 minutes of performance. Applicants who pass this initial screening will be invited for a conducting audition prior to March 15.

CONTACT: **Dr. Amanda Quist**, Director of Choral Activities, at amanda.quist@wmich.edu for more information regarding auditions.

For more information, please visit the following link:
<http://www.wmich.edu/music/academics/grad/assistantships>