



**Penn State University**  
**Shaver's Creek Environmental Center**  
**Graduate Assistant (GA) Position Description**  
*Environmental Interpretation*

## **DESCRIPTION**

This graduate assistantship with Shaver's Creek Environmental Center is a half-time position with tuition waiver and stipend. The GA will work closely with the Environmental Interpretation program director to gain experience in, and contribute to, teaching and outreach programming. The position start date is approximately one week prior to start of fall semester and concludes one week after the end of spring semester.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Acceptance and enrollment in a Penn State graduate program
- A strong interest in environmental and natural history interpretation
- An undergraduate degree in a related discipline with a minimum 3.0 GPA

## **RESPONSIBILITIES (approximately 20 hours per week)**

- GA will assist with classes taught by the program director, including: RPTM 297B—Interpreting Halloween to Children, RPTM 297G—Interpreting Maple Sugaring to Families, RPTM 325—Principles of Environmental Interpretation, and RPTM 326—Natural History Interpretation.
- GA will assist with logistical coordination and facilitation of the Fall Harvest Festival (featuring the Children's Halloween Trail) and Maple Harvest Festival (in addition to the academic role mentioned above).
- GA will perform occasional duties related to the operation of Shaver's Creek, including participation in weekly staff meetings and weekend staffing of visitor center services (approximately two days per semester), annual festivals, and center-wide events (e.g., Maple Harvest Festival, Birding Cup/Native Plant Celebration and Sale).

## **BENEFITS/COMPENSATION**

This position carries a tuition waiver for fall and spring semesters and a monthly stipend to be determined based on available funding and student qualifications.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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