

Graduate Assistantships

Eligibility and Duties

Graduate Assistantships are awarded to applicants (Master's, Doctoral, or Artist Diploma) who bring unique talent and experience to Shenandoah Conservatory. Work assignments may include graphic design, program preparation, recital crew, recital scheduling, office support and participation in ensembles, if appropriate. Expected workload is ten to twenty hours of service per week depending upon the terms of the award.

Financial Information

Full and Half Assistantships are offered at the graduate level.

- Full Assistantship covers 9 credits per semester and includes a \$2000 annual stipend.
- Half Assistantship covers 4.5 credits per semester and includes a \$1000 annual stipend.

Awards are renewable for two years pending satisfactory performance of assigned duties.

Application and Admission

Applicants to Master's, Doctoral and Artist Diploma programs at Shenandoah Conservatory may apply for assistantship consideration any time after their Shenandoah University application has been submitted. However, no applicant will be offered an assistantship until they have successfully completed all admission procedures (including an audition) and have been admitted.

To apply, email a letter of interest along with a current résumé or curriculum vitae to: **Prof. Garrick Zoeter** gzoeter@su.edu

- Email Subject line: Graduate Assistantship Application
- Applicants should include full name, email address, phone number and intended curriculum
- Electronic submission is required
- Application Screening begins March 1

Artistic Environment

Shenandoah Conservatory serves as a vibrant hub for live performance in the Shenandoah Valley and hosts two premier concert series – *Performing Arts Live* and *World of the Piano*. Recent guest artists include Telegraph Quartet, Irma Thomas, The Blind Boys of Alabama & The Preservation Hall Legacy Quintet, The Westerlies, Bedlam Theatre Company, Roomful of Teeth, Vadym Kholodenko, Cécile McLorin Salvant, Kremerata Baltica, Doug Varone & Dancers, Béla Fleck & Abigail Washburn, Anderson & Roe Piano Duo, Anonymous 4, Talich String Quartet, Ravi Coltrane, Apollo's Fire, John O'Connor, Tafelmusik, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Jeremy Denk, Christian McBride – Edgar Meyer Duo, Blackbird Fly, Ailey II, Richard Goode, and the Havana Cuba All-Stars.

Shenandoah Conservatory Mission Statement

As a community uniquely committed to rigor, nurture and innovation, Shenandoah Conservatory inspires artistic and scholarly excellence, preparing talented students for successful careers in the arts.

About Shenandoah Conservatory and Shenandoah University

Shenandoah Conservatory of Shenandoah University offers comprehensive curricula in music, theatre and dance, and boasts an enrollment of over 600 students. Degrees are offered at the undergraduate, master's, artist diploma and doctoral levels. Graduate programs exist in all performance areas, conducting, music education, music therapy and vocal pedagogy. The campus is located in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley just 70 miles west of the Washington D.C. metropolitan area.