

University of Northern Iowa

School of Music

Position Title: Graduate Assistant in Jazz

Reports to: Director and Graduate Coordinator, School of Music, and Chairperson, Jazz Studies Division

Terms of Employment:

- For the Fall 2025 semester: 20 hours per week, beginning **Aug. 25, 2025** and ending **Dec. 20, 2025**. Does not include the week of Thanksgiving Break.
- For the Spring 2026 semester: 20 hours per week, beginning **Jan. 20, 2026** and ending **May 15, 2026**. Does not include the week of Spring Break.

Compensation:

- Full assistantship salary is \$6000.00 per semester. Half assistantships may be awarded.
- Graduate Assistants may qualify for in-state tuition and fees.
- Graduate Assistants receive University holidays and do not work during Thanksgiving Break, Spring Break, or the interims between semesters.
- Graduate Assistants may also apply for tuition scholarships. These scholarships are applied for and awarded separately and are not part of compensation for the Graduate Assistantship.
- For more information on the Graduate Assistantship System and procedures: <https://www.grad.uni.edu/graduate-funding/faq-grad-assistantship-tuition-scholarship>

Position Description:

- Duties may include: teaching or assisting with jazz bands and/or jazz combos; teaching or assisting with academic courses in the jazz curriculum; teaching or assisting with applied studio instruction in the area of specialization; assisting with jazz area recordings, rehearsals, concerts, festivals, and other special events; and additional duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Must be a full-time, degree-seeking student in a UNI School of Music graduate program (M.M. Performance or M.A. Music preferred).
- Must be enrolled in 9 qualifying graduate credit hours.
- Maintain a UNI cumulative graduate GPA of at least 3.00. A newly admitted graduate student must have at least a 2.75 GPA for undergraduate or previous graduate work of at least 8 graded credit hours.
- B.A. or B.M. degree in music required.
- Evidence of excellent performance skills required.

- Teaching experience in applied music, ensemble, or classroom setting preferred.

Application Process and Deadline: To apply, fill out the Application Form for Graduate Assistantship available at <https://www.grad.uni.edu/funding/application-graduate-assistantship>.

Applications received by February 15 will be given preferential consideration.