BIO Teaching Assistant Practicum Permission Form

The Teaching Practicum courses introduce students to selected aspects of higher education. A two-credit BIO 475 or BIO 476 course includes a weekly conference with the sponsor, plus a clinical experience. In the clinical experience, the undergraduate Teaching Assistant works with students in labs, recitations, conferences, tutorials, or demonstrations. All clinical experiences should be supervised closely by the sponsor and any cooperating graduate assistants.

This completed form with the appropriate signatures, along with your Student Reflection, should be submitted to Room 109 in the Undergraduate Biology Main Office, no later than the second week of the term. Once permission is given by Undergraduate Biology on SOLAR, the student must register for academic credit.

Name ______________________________________ Stony Brook ID ________________________________
Student Email _______________________________ Faculty Sponsor _________________________________
Semester _________________________________ Course (BIO 475 or BIO 476) ___________________________
Credits _________________________________ Section _________________________________

What additional training, if any, must the student complete in order to participate in this teaching experience?

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Learning Objectives: What skills/knowledge do you hope to gain from this experience?
Check all that apply.
___ develop problem solving skills
___ work independently, setting goals and managing time
___ work effectively with a team
___ develop communication skills
___ improve knowledge of your discipline and/or future profession
___ acquire discipline-specific skills (e.g., computer, research skills)
___ other: ________________________________

Student Reflection: Please attach to this form a typed, approximately one-page summary that addresses the following points. Please discuss your answers with your Faculty Sponsor:

1. Describe your responsibilities as a Teaching Assistant. How many hours per week will you spend as a TA? Who will supervise you?
2. How do you expect this activity will contribute to your development—academic, professional, intellectual, other?
3. How do you expect to contribute to the goals of the organization or project?
4. How will you record what you are doing and reflect upon what you are learning? (e.g. teaching notebook, journal, blog, emails to academic mentor)
5. How will you synthesize/present outcomes and reflect upon what you have learned?
6. How will the academic mentor provide feedback during and at the end of the semester?

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Signature of Student _________________________ Date __________________ Signature of Faculty Sponsor/Mentor ______________________ Date __________________

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Signature of UG Program Director/Coordinator ______________________ Date __________________

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