

Department of English Teaching Fellowship/Academic Assistant Application

Teaching Fellowships are available to those whose GRE scores are at or above the 70th percentile and who have completed 18 hours of graduate study in the subject area. Academic Assistantships are available to those whose GRE verbal scores are at or above the 50th percentile or whose TOEFL scores are at 575 or higher.

In addition to this form:

1. Three letters of recommendation.
2. One sample of writing (scholarly paper or report).
3. One taped conversation (non-native speakers only).

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Qualifying Exam: GRE Verbal Score: _____ or TOEFL Score: _____

Residency: ___Texas ___Out of State ___US Citizen ___International

Applying for: ___Teaching Fellowship ___Academic Assistantship ___Both

Degree sought at UNT: ___MA ___MA in ESL ___Ph.D.

Support Requested: ___10 hours/week (quarter-time) ___20 hours/week (half-time)

Previous Education:

Degree (BA/MA):	Institution:	Major:	Overall GPA:

If you are applying for an Academic Assistantship, answer the first three questions. If you are applying for a Teaching Fellowship, answer all six. Feel free to attach extra pages as required.

For Academic Assistantship AND Teaching Fellowship Applicants:

Describe the teaching experience you have had, if any. Include specific details on the kinds of courses you have taught.

Explain what you think are the most essential characteristics of an effective writing teacher.

Explain what characteristics you think describe *you* as a teacher.

For Teaching Fell Applicants Only: The following questions refer to the attached essay written by an undergraduate student.

State, in a few sentences, the essay's greatest strength.

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Write what you consider an appropriate comment to the writer of the essay.

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Student essay for evaluation by prospective Teaching Fellows.

Let's Communicate

Let's rap, Let's chat, Let's talk better yet Let's communicate. I walked up to her and said, "Say man, What's up?" She immediately looked up and said, "I don't see anything and by the way I'm a young lady. What went wrong? I was communicating wasn't I?"

If someone asked you to communicate with them the first thing that would pop into your mind is talking to them. But in the earlier example the individual was talking but yet the young lady did not understand what he was saying. Maybe it wasn't what he said it but rather how he said it. So if we figure out what to say and how to say it, are we then actually communicating?

I remember from a Speech course that in order to be effective in communicating the individual needed three very important elements; the sender, the message and the receiver which could involve much more than just talking.

I'm walking down the street with a very expensive beautiful fur coat on. I'm communicating. I'm the sender, the coat is my message and anyone that sees me in it is the receiver. Then you may ask, What am I communicating? I'm saying that I am a lady of taste and that I enjoy wearing very expensive clothing. However, one individual may perceive the message to be a statement of trying to be like the people on *The Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous* or something similar; whereas another individual may say what a lady of class and style. It's so amazing how there are many different ways of communicating with each other without us consciously aware of it. I believe they call it non-verbal communication.

I couldn't be speaking a single word, but yet the way I hold my head, move my hands, place my legs, look with my eyes and talk with my lips are all forms of communication. Another good word is called body language. I remember *The Jacksons* had a song released out that was called "Body Language". I thought they were just singing about the way we dance. But now that I think about it dancing is a form of communication. We can say so much without even opening up our mouths. For us to be saying so much without actually speaking the world sure is noisy.

The most interesting form of communication to me is the expression of the eyes. Even the cosmetics industry has the ideal. I'm always reading articles on how to make up your eyes to be more expressive. They give a step by step process on how to make them tell whatever message you want to present. Do I want them to look natural, warm, exciting, seductive or even glamorous? I suppose the bottom line is your attitude shows on your face in more ways than just one.

We can't forget the other parts of the body that's just communicative than the eyes. You're sitting still and all of a sudden your leg is moving thousands of miles per minute. What are you saying? Some experts in the study of body language would say that you're bored or even anxious to get up to leave. Now that I think about it when my leg is moving at a fast pace while sitting I am entertaining myself, which goes back to say that initially maybe I was bored.

The list could go on and on how each part of the body plays a role in our non-verbal form of communicating. However, we could take it a step further. Have you noticed how people from different parts of the

world communicate with each other? Take the Japanese for example; the bow down position when they greet and depart from each other. I can't imagine my husband coming home from work and I greet him bowing down or rather better yet I want to thank a friend for a wonderful gift and instead of giving them a hug I bow down. I suppose it would be an interesting sight to see.

Now the Americans have their own different ways when it comes down to communicating the English language. A group of people walk into a room and I will promise you that as each of them sit down they'll leave an empty seat in between them and the next person. They will not start sitting right next to each other until all other options are ruled out. We have a tendency to place distance in between us when communicating. Another good example are the Italians. They're very expressive with each other. I love the way the men hug and kiss one another when expressing exciting emotions. As for as the American men, they're formal with the handshakes and nodding of the head. I believe it all has to do with the cultures within the world. It still could be broken down even further into sub-cultures and sub-groups.

I believe another interesting form of non-verbal communication are the clothes we wear. Our wardrobe has a lot to say about the personality we possess which consists of ideals, beliefs and attitudes. One lady's wardrobe may consist of items that are only black and white. I would perceive her message to be a lady of high-fashion, very contemporary and modern looking whereas; someone else may say that she has a very boring and dull wardrobe. The way we dress is a personal statement of our individuality. No we're not walking around telling everyone who we are, but we are communicating to others an outward statement of the inner self. Even the business world is aware of the importance of the outward statement for they're sponsoring seminars on "How to Dress for Success" and they're not talking about the interview process nor on how to write a resume. Because the physical appearance of the employee is just as important as to what he has to say. He conveys a message not only to his boss, co-workers but to potential clients as well. Can you imagine a professional salesman wearing a suit without a tie to a meeting with a client at Xerox Corporation?

Yes, it's true what was taught that it is very important what we say and how we say it to get our message across to the other person. But the non-verbal forms of communication are just as important. The communication process would be so much more effective if we all realized that even without speaking we have a lot to say.