



## Application for **Learning Assistant** position (Spring 2016) in the Department of Chemistry and Physics at Fayetteville State University

This application is to be filled out by students who have taken and excelled at either the CHEM 141/161 series or the PHYS 121/122 series.

### What is a Learning Assistant (LA)?

LAs are undergraduate students who serve as learning coaches/facilitators in structured activities. They have excelled in the course in previous semesters, and they work with the instructor to improve student learning in the course

### What do Learning Assistants do?

A Learning Assistant helps the instructors of the Flipped classes at FSU by 1) coming to class every day and setting up demos or experiments, 2) assisting the students in the classroom (answering questions by not giving away answers to the students), 3) holding at least three hours weekly tutoring sessions, 4) being active in creating course materials, 5) weekly brief feedback/input/report... to list a few responsibilities.

### Do Learning Assistants get paid?

Yes, Learning Assistants receive a payment based on the specific time commitments associated with their assignments. Most Learning Assistants work 8-10 hours per week and receive \$350 per month.

### What are Some Other Benefits of Being a Learning Assistant?

Learning Assistants get to help other students learn sciences! Most Learning Assistants find this to be rewarding and they develop a deeper understanding of the material and more sophisticated views of learning. They also get a chance to try out teaching and might discover a new career path.



**Department of Chemistry  
& Physics**

Please fill the following form, submit this form to Dr. Caroline Sloan (Science and Technology Building, 314; e-mail: [csloan3@uncfsu.edu](mailto:csloan3@uncfsu.edu); phone: (910) 672-2487) or Cevdet Akbay (STB 305C; e-mail: [cakbay@uncfsu.edu](mailto:cakbay@uncfsu.edu); phone (910) 672-1943).

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How did you hear about the Learning Assistantship?

Why would you like to be an LA?

How would you solve a problem that a student is having, if you do not know the answer to the question?

How would you address a student who feels “lost” or unmotivated?

How would you help a student if they came to you with this issue in the first week of class:  
“I need to pass this class! Please help me!”

How would your answer change to the above question if it was the end of the semester, rather than the beginning?

Please look carefully at the table and decide which courses you are interested in and which courses will fit with your spring 2016 schedule. Please indicate your first and second choice:

- 1) CHEM 141 (CRN: 2991); T&R 8:00AM - 9:15AM in STB435. Instructor: Dr. Daniel Autrey
- 2) CHEM 141 (CRN: 2993); T&R 11:00AM - 12:15PM in STB435. Instructor: Dr. Jonathan Breitzer
- 3) CHEM 141 (CRN: 2994); MW&F 3:00PM - 3:50PM in STB435. Instructor: Dr. Daniel Autrey
- 4) CHEM 161 (CRN: 2999); T&R 12:30PM - 1:45PM in STB435. Instructor: Dr. Daniel Autrey
- 5) PHYS 121 (CRN: 3028); T&R 3:45PM - 5:00PM in STB435. Instructor: Dr. Abdirahman Abokor
- 6) PHYS 122 (CRN: 3029); MW&F 2:00PM - 2:50 PM in STB435. Instructor: Dr. Abdirahman Abokor