

Call for Applications for Paid Master Class Leaders

Position Description:

SASA seeks 5 Ancient Studies PhD Students or Early Career Scholars for the paid role of Master Class Leader for our January 2024 Master Classes. The position, also known as a “SASA Educational Ambassador,” is to lead a one-time discussion group that is 2 hours long on an ancient topic of the Group Leader’s choice. Compensation is at a rate of \$40 per hour for the two hours of leading a Master Class discussion. This was made possible by a grant from the Society for Classical Studies.

SASA’s Text-in-Translation Master Classes:

Each SASA Master Class is focused on a specific niche and/or theme within Ancient Studies. Master Class Leaders facilitate online discussions over Zoom with a group of 20-30 individuals on selected texts, offering a highly interactive and engaging learning experience for a wide audience of participants and an informal teaching environment for early career scholars. Leaders will select readings for participants to look over before meeting synchronously. These Master Classes provide open opportunities for participants to explore broad-ranging ideas and, at the same time, delve into intricate details with expert discussion leaders. It is also a valuable opportunity for early career researchers to transmit their knowledge to the larger public. This helps develop discussion leaders’ skills in public education and public scholarship, which works toward SASA’s goal of spreading ancient studies as widely as possible.

Responsibilities:

SASA Master Class Leaders have the following responsibilities:

- Design a course of study for the class
- Create and curate a Live Syllabus
- Lead the discussion session

SASA loves to host groups on relatively niche topics and areas of study, please check out the list of our [past Reading Groups and Master Classes](#) to get an idea of what kind of topic you could choose for your own Group. Click on each group photo on the website to see its Live Syllabus. Master Classes are an excellent opportunity to discuss topics you are interested in but might not have had the opportunity to teach about before. SASA will work with you on choosing a topic, and we take care of running the admin and advertising for all classes. Master Class Leaders should have a love for teaching and come to groups prepared to engage participants in meaningful conversations.

Additionally, SASA is hoping to offer Master Classes in a variety of languages this January. If you are fluent in a language other than English and would like to hone your skills that you might not normally be able to while teaching in a traditional setting, this is the perfect opportunity to do so. Please note this in your application.

Master Class Timeline & Structure:

Please see below for the structure and time frame of the Winter 2024 Master Classes.

Structure

- One-time two-hour session

Starting Date Options:

- Any between January 8th - February 4th
- Master Classes can be held on any day of the week, suggested time frame between 11am - 6pm EST

Required skills:

- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Ancient Studies knowledge
- Access to free sharing materials (SASA can help!)

Preferred skills:

- Teaching experience (not required)

Compensation & Work Details:

Each Master Class Leader will be paid at a rate of \$40 per hour for the two hours of leading discussion for a total of \$80. Reimbursement for any expenses incurred is not allowed. All meetings occur via video call (Zoom), and all work is done remotely.

To apply, please submit your proposal by [filling out this form](#). If you have questions or need assistance, please contact readinggroups@saveancientstudies.org. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and we aim to have these positions filled **no later than 12/12/2024**. Proposed Master Classes will be reviewed immediately after the due date. Individuals whose proposals we accept will be notified by 12/15/2024. A contract will be sent for the applicant's immediate signature. Please forgive the tight deadline, we wanted to make sure we received the grant to be able to pay our Educational Ambassadors.

Please note that SASA is under no obligation to accept any proposal, and deciding which proposals to accept is at our sole discretion. Also, note that SASA is an equal-opportunity employer. All applicants will be considered for employment without attention to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, veteran or disability status.

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About SASA

SASA is a non-profit organization, tax exempt under IRS code 501(c)(3). SASA's mission is to counter the downward trend in Ancient Studies fields in academia, by (1) uniting graduate students to (2) engage students by guiding the widespread American interest in ancient times toward Ancient Studies, to (3) facilitate ease of access to studying the ancient world, and to (4) support and reimagine scholarship as a lifelong pursuit for those who work as professionals in other areas after receiving their PhDs.

At this time, all positions with SASA are unpaid, including management, volunteers, and interns, except for some few project positions paid for through grant funding. Since work for SASA is all done remotely, we take a proactive approach to supporting our volunteers and interns. Our goal is that internships with SASA are mutually beneficial, such that volunteers help work on various SASA projects and gain experience in multiple areas, learn skills, gain knowledge, and build connections with numerous people in Ancient Studies and the nonprofit world. Interns work alongside volunteers with more experience and under the guidance of our Team Leaders and the Director. Our work atmosphere is exploratory and collaborative. We all enjoy the company of people who have varied backgrounds and interests of all ages, and who are passionate in their pursuits.