

What it is like to be a laboratory student assistant in the Biology Department:

Laboratory student assistants are an important role in the College of Science of Mathematics to ensure that lab classes can be prepared and ready for the students and instructors to come in and begin their lab on time. While working as a lab student assistant you have the opportunity to work with and learn from our Laboratory coordinators who have a wide range of skills. Working in the lab gives you the opportunity to learn additional skills that are not learned in the classroom and to enhance your skills from the classroom. The job can lead to opportunities in the college as well as a letter of recommendation to jobs or upper-level schools from your supervisor.

Being a student assistant also gives you the opportunity to talk to instructors and graduate students that you typically would not get to meet without the job. This could lead to research opportunities or contacts post-graduation. You will also have the chance to make connections with other students at Kennesaw that could help you while you are in school or after graduation to help in your career searches.

The job gives you the opportunity to get paid for a job that will work around your class schedule. We do require you to work a minimum of 5 hours a week with the possibility to work up to 20 hours a week. The 5 hours a week will allow you to learn the skills that are needed in the lab. When you begin in the position you will make \$10 an hour. There is possibility for raises as you work in the prep room.

Some weeks there are more work and some weeks there are few things to do in the prep rooms! Your supervisor will let you know when the slower weeks are and it is up to their discretion if you will need to come to the lab room or not. If you did not receive an email from your supervisor, you are expected to work your scheduled shift that week. We depend on reliability and good time management. If you do not show up to your shift, you could be preventing 24 students from being able to complete their lab for that week.

Requirements to be a student assistant:

- Be a student at KSU that is enrolled in at least ½ time. (6 credit hours)
- Be in good academic standing.
- Preference is given to Science Majors; however, all majors are invited to apply.

If you are interested, please fill out an application and email to the contact person on the bottom. We will contact you if you fit our needs for the following semester. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the Biology Lab Coordinator below.

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