

Texas Tech University School of Music

Graduate Assistantship in Jazz Trumpet (Solo or Lead) Fall 2026

\$10,500 stipend available annually with tuition and select fee waivers.



DUTIES

Duties may include teaching applied jazz lessons, assisting with jazz history class, directing jazz ensembles, assisting with logistics for rehearsals, concerts, and events, and organizing jazz library.

STIPEND FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR

Stipends for Graduate Assistants are available to qualifying Master of Music (MM) students, to be paid as a salary in monthly installments from October through June. Master's stipend: \$10,500.00. Additional fellowships and scholarships may be available for select students.

TUITION WAIVER AND FEES

Teaching Assistant positions provide significant reductions in all but a portion of tuition and fees, as well as Texas Resident status. Fees vary depending on enrollment.

BENEFITS

In-state tuition and eligibility for medical insurance at a reduced rate.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

is a leading public university with an enrollment of over 40,000 students. The School of Music, part of the J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts, has a full-time faculty of 70, enrolling approximately 500 students. Graduate degrees offered include the Master of Music (Performance, Conducting, Composition, String Pedagogy, Piano Pedagogy, Collaborative Piano, Music Theory, Musicology), Master of Music Education, Doctor of Musical Arts (Performance, Conducting, Composition, Piano Pedagogy), PhD in Music Education, and PhD in Fine Arts with tracks in Music Theory, Musicology, and Administration.

The Jazz program at Texas Tech University is a DownBeat award-winning program that offers a Master of Music - Jazz Performance. Students have the opportunity to study with award-winning faculty members who are nationally acclaimed in the field of jazz. This enriching experience includes participation in tours and performances at major collegiate jazz festivals across the country. In addition, students regularly collaborate with world-renowned guest artists, gaining invaluable insights and exposure to the professional jazz scene. Furthermore,

they have access to a variety of masterclasses, clinics, and workshops, allowing for a comprehensive and immersive learning experience in jazz music. All instruments will be considered for teaching assistantships with a preference for lead or jazz trumpet for the 2026-2027 academic year. Demonstrated record of success for student employment outcomes and job placement. Graduates of the program are employed as music educators in public school and higher education settings in Texas and throughout the United States and have found successful careers in the music industry.

Lubbock is a major cultural center of West Texas with a population of nearly 300,000 that supports the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra, Lubbock Youth Orchestras, Ballet Lubbock, the Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts, the state-of-the-art Buddy Holly Hall for the Performing Arts and Sciences, numerous galleries, and a variety of other music, dance, and theatre performance organizations and venues. Lubbock offers a quality living experience with a semi-arid climate and housing costs below the national average.

This position is pending the availability of funding for the 2026-2027 academic year and at the time of the appointment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Audition Dates

January 24, 2026 | February 21 & 28, 2026

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