

TEACHING FELLOWSHIP AVAILABLE – WINTER 2027
BIOL 200/3.0 – DIVERSITY OF LIFE
Queen's University, Kingston, ON CAN K7L 3J9

The Department of Biology at Queen's University invites applications from suitably qualified candidates interested in teaching 50% of a one-term course on DIVERSITY OF LIFE as a Teaching Fellow. The maximum enrolment of the course is 320 students, with three weekly 50-minute lectures and one weekly 90-minute tutorial session, and up to 30 students in each tutorial section. This is a WINTER 2027 term appointment for the period January 1 to the end of April 2027.

Teaching Fellows at Queen's University are governed by the *Collective Agreement* between the Queen's PSAC 901 which is posted at <https://psac901.org/unit-1-collective-agreement/>. This course provides a phylogenetically-based overview of biodiversity across the Tree of Life and explicitly includes viruses, archaea, bacteria, algae, fungi, plants, invertebrates and vertebrates. Students will gain background knowledge and interpretive skills needed to recognize and appreciate the diversity of life and the mechanisms that generated and maintain it, so that their future studies of individual organisms or biological processes are embedded within an appropriate evolutionary and ecological context. The teaching fellow would develop and deliver lectures for the first half of the semester (covering viruses, archaea, bacteria, algae, fungi, and plants) and create and supervise marking of the midterm.

Qualifications: To be considered for the position, applicants must be PhD candidates (having passed the comprehensive exam) who have completed relevant undergraduate or graduate coursework. Preference will be given to applicants who have relevant teaching or teaching assistantship experience, as well as related research expertise.

Applications should include: a cover letter outlining your academic accomplishments and relevant teaching experience for this course (maximum 1 page), an up-to-date CV, a copy of your undergraduate and MSc transcript (unofficial is fine), and a letter of support from your supervisor. Please note all applicants must have completed their comprehensive exam as a prerequisite to their application.

Please arrange to have applications and supporting letters sent directly to:

Kiki Snook, Graduate Studies Advisor
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Applications will be reviewed following the closing of the application period: **July 3rd, 2026**. The final appointment is subject to budgetary approval.

Course Description:

BIOL 200/ 3.0 – Diversity of Life

This course provides a phylogenetically based overview of biodiversity across the Tree of Life including viruses; archaea, bacteria, algae, fungi, plants, invertebrates and vertebrates. Patterns of organizational complexity and species diversity are explained in the context of evolutionary processes, structure function relationships and ecology.

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