



# APPALACHIAN BANDS

## Graduate Assistantship - Hayes School of Music - 2020-2021 Academic Year

**Duties:** Assist in the planning, administration and rehearsal of the 275+ member Marching Mountaineers, the 75-member Basketball Band, and the organization and administration of the university band program. Shared conducting responsibilities include the Appalachian Wind Ensemble, Symphony Band, and the Concert Band. Opportunities to conduct other university ensembles may also be available depending on the experience and qualifications of the student.

**Qualifications:** Admission to the Master of Music in Performance program is required. Successful public school teaching experience is desirable.

**Annual Stipend:** \$10,500 pending funding – Graduate Assistants must be enrolled in a Master of Music in Performance degree program full-time during the tenure of the stipend. Additional funds may be available for pre-fall semester band camp and other athletic band activities.

**Tuition Waiver:** A limited number of waivers for the out-of-state portion of tuition may be available so the candidate would pay the in-state rate.

**Application:** Current resume, video link to a recent concert rehearsal and/or performance, and 3 letters of recommendation sent directly from the authors. If applicable: links to rehearsals and/or performances of marching ensembles, copies of recent concert festival adjudication sheets, and copies of original recent original drill designs. Please visit here for detailed information: <http://graduate.music.appstate.edu/programs/instrumental-conducting>

**Deadline:** Postmark – Friday, February 1, 2020. Applications will be reviewed upon receipt.

The Appalachian Bands in the Hayes School of Music involve over 500 students annually participating in the Wind Ensemble, Symphony Band, Concert Band, two Jazz Ensembles, the Marching Mountaineers, and the Basketball Band. Membership in these ensembles is open to both music majors and students majoring in other fields. Auditions are required for the Wind Ensemble, Symphony Band, Jazz Ensembles and the color guard and percussion sections of the Marching Mountaineers. Appalachian State University is a unit of the University of North Carolina system. Founded in 1899 as Watauga Teachers College, Appalachian State serves a student population of nearly 20,000. The campus is located in scenic Boone, North Carolina, in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains and is just minutes away from numerous outdoor activities including skiing, hiking, and rafting.

For additional information please contact:

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## **Appalachian State University MM in Performance – Instrumental Conducting**

### ***Preliminary Application and Audition Requirements***

Thank you for your interest in the Appalachian State University Masters program in Performance with a concentration in Instrumental Conducting. Below is a detailed list of requirements for your application and audition for the program.

By February 1, please send the following:

- formal letter of interest
- unofficial college transcripts
- curriculum vitae
- three current letters of recommendation directly from the authors
- video link of a rehearsal and performance
- video link of a marching band performance with drill originally written
- programs conducted from the past three years, if available
- festival/contest sheets from performances conducted, if available
- an analysis of:  
    HOLST – Suite in Eb – Movement I - Chaconne

For your on-campus interview and audition, please be prepared to:

- conduct the HOLST – Suite in Eb – Movement I (Chaconne) with the Appalachian Wind Ensemble
- take a private lesson on your major instrument with an applied professor
- take a conducting lesson with Dr. Ross and/or Dr. Gardner
- have a meeting with Dr. Ross and Dr. Gardner to discuss your philosophy of athletic bands
- meet with our current graduate students
- interview with the faculty, administration, and Graduate Coordinator of the Hayes School of Music