

Deadline: May 12, 2017

Description The Department of Music at Wayne State University is pleased to announce a new 12-month Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA) for 2017–2018. The student selected for this position will assist with the research study, “Singing to Babies in Motown! The Detroit Lullaby Study,” under the supervision of Professor Wendy Matthews.

Eligibility The competition is open to outstanding new or current graduate students pursuing the Masters of Music degree. Applicants should have excellent writing, mathematical, and critical thinking skills, and applicants with prior research experience, a bachelor’s degree in music education or a related field, and experience working with children are preferred. Selection of the GRA will be competitive based on the assessment of the faculty. Upon completion of the GRA, the recipient may be recommended for other scholarships to support the completion of his or her degree (the amount of support may vary).

Qualifications Bachelor’s degree in music, 3.0 GPA, and unconditional admission to the Graduate School.

Award Terms The GRA position has the following components:

- A 12-month stipend of \$22,241
- Tuition assistance for up to 10 graduate credits in the Fall 2017 and Winter 2018 semesters, and 2 graduate credits during the Spring/Summer 2018 term
- Subsidized medical, vision, and dental insurance coverage

The recipient will:

- Work approximately 20 hours per week between August 17, 2017 and August 16, 2018 on “Singing to Babies in Motown! The Detroit Lullaby Study”
- Participate in Annual Graduate Exhibition sponsored by the Graduate School prior to his or her final oral examination
- Enroll in at least 6 graduate credits per term
- Comply with all applicable WSU policies and procedures

Application Instructions

- 1) Students must be accepted to an MM program in music by May 12, 2017 (see the [Graduate School application website](#)), including a successful [Audition/Interview](#) for an MM Program at WSU (if you are a new student)
- 2) Send the following materials to Dr. Joshua S. Duchan, Interim Graduate Officer, Department of Music, Wayne State University, Suite 1321 Old Main, Detroit, MI 48202, USA:
 - A letter of interest detailing your background and relevant experience
 - A resume
 - A letter of recommendation from a professor or supervisor who can address your critical thinking and/or research skills

Deadline **The application deadline is May 12, 2017.** Finalists will be contacted for an interview.

The Detroit Lullaby Study Detroit’s history includes a rich musical culture that remains a meaningful influence in the lives of the people of Detroit today. This study taps into this cultural strength with the ultimate goal of employing music to support vulnerable Detroit families who are struggling to raise infants and young children in communities affected by violence and poverty. Using an innovative, laboratory-based Lullaby Protocol, this study examines the influence of parental singing to their infants on the physiological responses of both parents and infants.