

## **Department Criteria – Reappointment of Teaching Assistants Graduate Program in Oceanography**

### ***Department of Marine and Coastal Sciences***

Teaching Assistant opportunities are made known to all program students and faculty. TAs are selected by the program Director in close consultation with course instructors and with the approval of the graduate TA's advisors. The Graduate Program in Oceanography selects advanced graduate students based on their disciplinary specialization and graduate training. For example for the Biological Oceanography course, we select one of the biological oceanography students who has previously taken the course. It is program philosophy to ensure that as many Ph.D. students as possible have teaching experience prior to graduation. Since the program only has three Teaching Assistant positions, this means that many students have a TA appointment for only one or two semesters during their graduation training.