What is a Learning Assistant?

Learning Assistants facilitate student discussion and problem solving while they receive training in working with students, and significant experience in teaching in a college classroom. This experience would be particularly useful for those who are considering secondary or university teaching as a career.

What does a Learning Assistant do?

1) Attend 6 hours of studio CHEM 110, 124, 125 127, or 128 per week,
2) Assist the instructor in class with course activities,
3) Grade for the course (approximately 1.5 hours per week), and
4) Attend a 2 hour weekly group meeting with all the instructors and other learning assistants to discuss course teaching objectives, go over the nuts-and-bolts of the next week's lab, and discuss issues in facilitating student learning.

How are Learning Assistants compensated?

You will be paid for attending lecture, grading, and working in the lab at the usual rate of $12.50/hour or about $90/week, or $900 for the quarter. Also, you will receive credit for CHEM 466, an upper-level department elective.

How do I apply?

Visit: https://atom.calpoly.edu/LA/
You must complete the application and information meeting (new applicants only) by January 19, 2018. PLEASE keep in mind the weekly CHEM 466 Meeting (Required for all Learning Assistants) on Mondays from 6-8PM.