

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. How do I choose my QRA?

You can choose a QRA from the existing list of QR tutors/QRAs. The QR Center directors can also identify a student we believe would be a good fit. Alternatively, you may have discussions with current or former students who you believe would be a good fit and then recommend them to the QR Center.

### 2. How many hours per week can my QRA work?

QRAs can work a total of 40 hours throughout the semester. This averages 2-3 hours per week; but the actual distribution of hours is determined by the faculty member and QRA.

### 3. Can a QRA grade students' work?

Yes, *but only in specific circumstances*. QRAs may mark *unambiguous, low-stakes* student assignments (e.g., multiple-choice homework assignments) and they must be provided with an answer key. However, all exams and finals must be graded completely by the professor. QRAs may compute numerical point values only on the unambiguous problems graded with an answer key. They can also provide formative feedback on assignments and have been FERPA trained.

### 4. How is a QRA different than a TA?

*They are trained.* In the fall semester, all QRAs complete the two-day (6 hours total) training provided by the QR Center. *Their training is ongoing.* QRAs meet once a month with the QR Center tutors and Director to learn new techniques, discuss the challenges they face, and share their successes. *They are classroom-based.* Although QRAs often also have shifts in the QR Center as tutors, they are available to work one-on-one with your class for up to 40 hours over the course of a semester. *They are part of a team, and you are partners.* The QRAs are considered staff in the QR Center and monthly will connect with other QRAs and tutors in similar roles.

### 5. Are QRAs trained?

Yes! QRAs receive training at the start of the semester and that training continues via monthly staff meetings. We believe it is important for QRAs to understand their role, common problems that may arise, and basic pedagogical principles.

### 6. Do QRAs also offer one-on-one tutoring in the QR Center?

Most QRAs also provide one-on-one tutoring in a variety of courses through the QR Center. However, QRAs are not required to do this to participate in the QRA program.

### 7. Can QRAs only work in courses with a Dickinson College QR designation?

No! QRAs can work in any course that has a quantitative component. This means the course simply has to have *some* quantitative content (e.g., a large project, a single unit).

### 8. How can I direct students to the QR Center?

We encourage you to put a statement in your syllabus, on Moodle, and regularly remind students about our services. We are happy to provide a sample syllabus statement.