Job Posting: Chamber Music Viola Mentor/Teaching Assistant

Meadowmount School of Music
Westport, NY

Dates: June 26 to August 13, 2027 (7 weeks)

Compensation: $50 per 1-hour for each chamber coaching or lesson. Lesson and coaching lengths may vary. The compensation is based on a $50 hourly rate.

How to apply: Interested candidates will apply to attend Meadowmount via Acceptd (links provided below). In addition to the hourly rate for coaching/teaching, all applicants are eligible to be considered for merit scholarships and financial aid towards tuition & room and board.

The History of Viola at Meadowmount
Meadowmount (MMT) founder Ivan Galamian encouraged his violin students to learn the viola to expand their tonal palette, improve their listening skills and release tension in their violin playing. This tradition continues today, as each summer selected violinists are given the opportunity to play the viola in chamber music groups. Meadowmount provides an instrument, and faculty support. Alumni who attended as a violinist and fell in love with the viola at Meadowmount include Pinchas Zuckerman, James Ehnes, and Ayane Kozasa of the Kronos Quartet.

Position Overview and Expectations:
The Chamber Music Viola Mentor/Teaching Assistant plays a key role within MMT's strong Chamber Music Program and continues the rich tradition of training violinists to play the viola. This position performs two roles to support the overall chamber program- 1) mentorship and training to violinists who will perform viola in chamber ensembles ("Doublers") by providing individual viola lessons to Doublers through a weekly sign-up and 2) teaching assistant to the primary chamber faculty by providing supplemental coaching to the younger chamber ensembles and supporting the weekly chamber studio classes, as needed. *Hours of teaching/coaching each week will vary over the course of the 7-week program: 2-10 hours weekly is estimated, with the majority of hours within weeks 2-5.*

The Chamber Music Viola Mentor/Teaching Assistant works in close collaboration with the viola and chamber faculty to help Doublers confidently strengthen their skills on the viola. This mentoring role offers meaningful teaching experience, mentorship from our Chamber and Viola Faculty, and the opportunity to contribute to the artistic success of MMT's chamber music ensembles.

The Chamber Music Viola Mentor/Teaching Assistant will contribute significantly to the learning environment of MMT and be a valuable resource for our Doublers and chamber ensembles, as well as being an artistic leader within the MMT viola community.

This position is considered an employee of Meadowmount and will enter into a seasonal contract. As such, the Chamber Music Viola Mentor/Teaching Assistant is subject to the guidelines in the employee handbook, a background check, and completion of sexual harassment training.

Qualifications / Eligibility

- The Chamber Music Viola Mentor/Teaching Assistant must be enrolled at MMT as a full-time viola student and must be in residence at MMT for the full summer session, June 26-Aug. 13, 2027.
- Must be 20 years of age or older and have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies.
- Prior teaching experience (private lessons, group classes, or coaching) required.
- Ability to support students of varying ages and skill-level who may be new to the viola.
- Excellent communication skills and a collaborative mindset.
- Professionalism, reliability, and a positive teaching presence.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

- Teach weekly 30-minute viola lessons to assigned Doublers, primarily during the first five (5) weeks of the program.
- Provide extra rehearsal support or coachings to select chamber groups, in consultation with chamber faculty.
- Provide guidance to groups, helping them to manage Meadowmount schedules and to learn effective communication and rehearsal strategies.
- Assist with viola distribution to Doublers at the start of the summer. Continue to make sure students have an instrument that they are comfortable with and find success on.
- Assist Viola faculty with the “Viola for Violinists” (VFV) introductory class in week 1 of the program.
- Contribute to creating a supportive environment for Doublers, and help to elevate and resolve any concerns or issues that may arise.
- Model musical excellence, musical leadership, and supportive studio culture.

How to apply…

- Please submit your application via Accepted no later than January 20, 2027.
- Additional program information can be found via the Meadowmount website.

About Meadowmount:

“We are grateful to live less than an hour away from MMT's amazing and inspiring concerts. Thank you for being here and for reaching out to our Adirondack communities.”

- 2026 Concert Attendee

“I don’t think there’s a better destination in the world to truly focus, be inspired, and make a year’s worth of progress in just seven weeks. There is something special and extremely motivating in seeing my peers practice and perform and in spending time with such fine musicians and people. From individual lessons and chamber coachings to studio and technique class, I am sure that Meadowmount is the best environment in the world to develop as a young artist and as a person.

- 2026 Meadowmount Student

Founded in 1944 by legendary violin teacher Ivan Galamian, the Meadowmount School of Music is a seven-week summer program for violinists, violists, and cellists. Musicians ages 10 to 30 from around the world gather at the school's campus in the Adirondack Mountains in northern New York to immerse themselves in an environment where they can focus on personal and artistic development through intensive training with leading faculty, individual practice, chamber music, and performance opportunities. With a capacity enrollment of 190 on the 49-building, 240-acre campus, the school retains an intimacy that provides for personal attention and fosters camaraderie among students. Many students return year after year, and alumni retain strong connections and return as faculty and guest artists, ensuring the continuity of the Meadowmount teaching tradition.