

## Resources

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### TA TIPS (Teaching Ideas & Practical Strategies)

TA TIPS sheets provide TAs with ideas and strategies to readily implement in the classroom.

### Customized Resources

Upon request the TA Program can provide teaching resources tailored to meet the specific needs of departments, colleges or teaching assistants.

### Teaching Resource Centre

The TRC provides a range of services and resources on teaching and learning, including a lending library. Drop by the TRC (Day Hall Room 125) or visit on-line at [www.tss.uoguelph.ca/trc.html](http://www.tss.uoguelph.ca/trc.html).

### TA Listserv

The TA Listserv provides a forum to discuss teaching experiences with colleagues and the TA Program Coordinator. Regular updates about upcoming developmental opportunities and resources are also provided. Contact the TA Program Coordinator to become a listserv member.

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Teaching  
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# Teaching Assistant Training & Development

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# Educational Opportunities

*Teaching Support Services (TSS), in collaboration with Graduate Program Services and the Learning Commons, is pleased to provide a comprehensive program of support for teaching assistants (TAs) and graduate students interested in teaching issues.*

## TA Conference

The TA Conference provides future and current TAs with an opportunity to develop their teaching skills, connect with their peers, and discuss strategies for dealing with challenging issues. This event is held each September before classes commence.

## Workshops

The TA Program, in collaboration with other support units, provides a series of workshops addressing teaching and learning issues throughout the academic year. Customized initiatives can also be developed to meet the needs of departments, course instructors, and groups of TAs.

## Individual Consultations

Meet with a senior TA or the TA Program Coordinator to discuss teaching issues and challenges. In-class observations are available upon request.

## TSS Workshops

A series of workshops are provided each semester to all University teaching staff. Visit the TSS website ([www.tss.uoguelph.ca](http://www.tss.uoguelph.ca)) for session descriptions or to register on-line.

## University Teaching: Theory & Practice (UTTP) UNIV\*6800

This two-semester, inter-disciplinary graduate course (0.25 credit or certificate) examines

teaching and learning issues and provides an opportunity to develop teaching skills appropriate to higher education. Students participate in class discussions and exercises, are videotaped making a presentation, and receive feedback on an actual teaching experience. Sample topics include student centred learning, curriculum/course design, learning styles, active learning approaches, and learning technologies.

## International TA Support

The Learning Commons offers two free, non-credit courses for both International and English as a Second Language (ESL) graduate students and teaching assistants. Contact Barbara Christian for more information (ext. 6209-[bkchrist@uoguelph.ca](mailto:bkchrist@uoguelph.ca)).

## Graduate Students' Day

In September, Graduate Program Services provides a day of orientation for graduate students and teaching assistants. For more information contact Barbara Christian, (ext. 6209-[bkchrist@uoguelph.ca](mailto:bkchrist@uoguelph.ca)).



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*The TA website ([www.tss.uoguelph.ca/TApage.html](http://www.tss.uoguelph.ca/TApage.html)) offers a collection of resources on TA-related issues, including:*

## TA Handbook

The TA Handbook addresses a number of teaching related issues and provides a comprehensive collection of effective teaching strategies. The “Resources and References” section offers an excellent overview of campus support services.

## TA Survival Guide

The TA Survival Guide provides a concise overview of key teaching issues that new TAs may encounter. Bound copies are distributed to all TA Conference registrants. An electronic version is available as a downloadable PDF file from the TA website.

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