

GATA Network

University of Windsor

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What is the GATA Network?

The GATA Network is a collaborative initiative supported jointly by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Centre for Teaching and Learning within the University of Windsor. The Network strives to create mentorship opportunities and teaching and learning resources to support graduate and undergraduate teaching assistants (GAs/TAs) with improving their pedagogical knowledge and skills.

Professional Development Events

The GATA Network offers large-scale professional development events to current and prospective GAs/TAs that provide transformative leadership opportunities to experienced assistants who are drawn on to develop and lead workshops.

GATAcademy

GATAcademy is a full-day professional development event open to all current and prospective UWindsor GAs/TAs. Throughout this event we offer a series of interactive workshops led by experienced professionals, including current GAs/TAs and faculty members from across campus. Topics include mastering technology in the classroom, conducting effective labs and tutorials, and best practices in grading and feedback.

GATA Winter Academy

To meet the needs of UWindsor GAs/TAs who begin in the winter semester and those unable to attend GATAcademy in September, we offer the GATA Winter Academy at the beginning of the second academic semester. Similar to GATAcademy, this is a day long series of interactive workshops led by experienced GAs/TAs and faculty members.

GATA Network Series

Throughout the academic year we offer a number of workshop sessions on topics related to GA/TA life and other teaching and learning areas. We incorporate participant feedback and interests when developing these workshops. On average one workshop is offered per month.

GATA Awards

The GATA Awards are presented to exceptional GAs/TAs who contribute to a positive, learning-centred environment at the University of Windsor. There are two award categories: *GA/TA Award for Educational Practice* and *GA/TA Award for Educational Leadership*. For more information please visit:

<http://ctl.uwindsor.ca/ctl/411/gata-and-grad-students>.

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Social Media Outreach

The GATA Network has a Facebook page: <http://facebook.com/GATANetwork> and Twitter account: <http://twitter.com/GATANetwork> that we use to connect with GA/TAs, share resources and advertise upcoming events. We also operate a blog, *Towards Better Teaching*, where regular posts are made about the issues facing GA/TAs, teaching and learning theories and resources, as well as other light-hearted postings: <http://uwindsor.ca/BetterTeaching>.

GATA Teaching and Learning Handbook

The GATA Teaching and Learning Handbook, *Towards Better Teaching: A Handbook for Undergraduate and Graduate Students at the University of Windsor* is a resource manual created for GAs/TAs who want to develop and/or improve their pedagogical knowledge and practice. The handbook can be downloaded at <http://uwindsor.ca/gatahandbook>.

YouTube Videos:

Introduction to the GATA Network - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3kvTq8H_sc

Roles, Rights & Resources - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOTRTldVWNl>

Active Learning - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v6zKBXPTkYg>

Labs and Tutorials - https://youtu.be/T2ZR67_JqxQ

GA Introduction to Human Kinetics - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XrOulnnHnOI>

GA Introduction to Nursing - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5nley2usW5Y>

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