



GATA Network

for graduate & undergraduate teaching assistants

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What is the GATA Network?

The [GATA Network](#) is a collaborative initiative supported jointly by the Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) and the Faculty of Graduate Studies within the University of Windsor (UWindsor). 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.

Fall GATAcademy

[GATAcademy](#) is a week-long professional development event open to all current and prospective UWindsor GAs/TAs that takes place at end of August/start of September each year. 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, among others.

Winter GATAcademy

To meet the needs of UWindsor GAs/TAs who begin in the winter semester and those unable to attend Fall GATAcademy in August/September, we offer the [Winter GATAcademy](#) at the beginning of the second academic semester (i.e., January). Similar to *Fall GATAcademy*, this is a one-to-two 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*.



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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.



YouTube Videos

The GATA Network maintains a [YouTube channel](#), with 30+ videos in counting on a variety of teaching and learning topics relevant to GAs/TAs. Some of the topics offered are:

- [An Introduction to the GATA Network](#)
- [So, You're Hired as a GA/TA - Now What?](#)
- [Leading Effective Online Discussions](#)
- [Assessment and Feedback](#)
- [Running Effective Labs/Tutorials](#)



GA/TA Formative Feedback Form

This [optional feedback form](#) can be used by graduate (GA) and undergraduate (TA) teaching assistants to collect feedback from students in the course they are assisting with. The feedback collected may assist GAs/TAs in developing and improving their skills, and ensure a standard of acceptable employee performance, as outlined in Article 10 of the CUPE local 4580 collective agreement.



GA/TA Checklist

The [GA/TA checklist](#) includes the policies and guidelines specific to graduate and undergraduate teaching assistants employed at the University of Windsor. It also includes a list of questions that GAs/TAs can pose to their course instructor to better understand their role and expectations.

Social Media Outreach

The GATA Network maintain profiles for the following platforms to connect with GA/TAs, share resources, and advertise upcoming events:

- Facebook: @GATANetwork
- Twitter: @GATANetwork
- Instagram: @gatanetwork
- Blackboard: GATANW (GATA Network)

The GATA Network also coordinates posts related to GAs and TAs on the CTL's Teach & Learn blog. To access the blog, please visit: teach-learn.ca

Additional Resources

- [Developing your Teaching Dossier Series](#)
- [CTL General Resources](#)
- [Description of Duties and Allocation of Hours for GAs/TAs - Form 1](#)

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