Support for Graduate Students and Teaching Assistants

Reflective Learning and Teaching

Do you want to enhance your marketability for your future career?

Are you the prepared, confident teacher or presenter that you want to be?

Do you wish you felt more positively about teaching your tutorials or labs?

Have you hit the thesis wall?

Are you an international graduate student in need of support?

No matter where you are in your graduate studies, the Learning and Teaching Centre (LTC) can assist you in achieving your professional development goals:

- The Writing Centre (TWC) offers one-on-one tutoring, academic writing workshops, thesis and dissertation support, and the Graduate Writing Room.
- The TA Training Program provides a range of skills development offerings including a bi-annual conference, referral to presentation and instructional skills help, and coordination of courses and certificate programs.
- The LTC co-funds and trains specialist Teaching Assistant Consultants (TACs) for many academic units, who then provide discipline-specific TA support within their home departments.
- International TAs are supported through workshops and programs designed to assist those with English as an additional language, as well as to help with acculturation to the Canadian classroom context.
- Support, such as teaching dossier development and advice on balancing scholarly elements in applications, prepares you for the academic or professional job market and your future career.
"The knowledge that is gained from the TA workshops is tremendous. It is an ongoing process and the benefit is cumulative. Both the interaction among the graduate students and the sense of community that is created are priceless. They take us out of our isolated world of ‘research work’ to be able to analyze and reflect on our scholarly work as a whole. Also, I have learned many tools and skills that have enhanced my learning and teaching experience at the University of Victoria."

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