Teaching Assistant Professional Development Days

Wednesday, September 4 | Dalhousie Student Union Building

Registration starts at 9 am

9:30–10 am	
Room 303	**Welcome Session** Elder Ann: Land acknowledgment Valerie Chappe, Associate Dean (Students & Postdocs), Faculty of Graduate Studies
10–10:45 am	
Room 303	**Supporting your teaching development: Programs and opportunities at Dalhousie** Nasim Tavassoli, Educational Developer (Student Development)
Council Chambers, 2nd floor	**Unlocking student engagement: Effective strategies for active classroom participation** Elizabeth Gillis, Senior Educational Developer (Curriculum)
11–11:45 am	
Room 303	**Empowering students with effective written feedback** Janice MacDonald Eddington, Writing Advisor at the Writing
Council Chambers, 2nd floor	**Managing your classroom with the F-R Framework: Friendliness, Firmness, and Fairness** Daniella Sieukaran, Senior Educational Developer (Curriculum)
11:45 am–1 pm	
Room 302	Lunch Break (Pizza will be provided)	Meet Dalhousie services supporting TAs
1–2:30 pm	
Room 303	**Creating inclusive classroom climate: Knowing the self and the 'other'** Rachelle McKay, Educational Developer, Indigenous Knowledges and Ways of Knowing Shazia Nawaz Awan, Educational Developer, Internationalization & Intercultural Competency Tereigh Ewert, Senior Educational Developer, Anti Oppressive & Transformative Education
Council Chambers, 2nd floor	**TAing for shy people** Gillian Gass, University Teaching Fellow, Department of Biology
2:45- 3:45 pm	
Room 303	**Supporting international and multilingual TAs** Vanessa Lent, PhD, International Student Writing Advisor
Council Chambers, 2nd floor	**Behind the scenes: shared practices for effective teaching assistants** Leila Mohammadi, PhD Candidate, Department of Mathematics and Statistics Tyler Saunders, PhD Candidate, Department of Chemistry

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Thursday, September 5 | Online

9:30–10:30 am
Brightspace for TAs Michelle McDonald, Instructional Support Technician and Trainer
11 am–12 pm
From competence to connection: Cultivating soft skills for exceptional TA performance Grace McNutt, PhD Candidate, Department of History
1–2 pm
Inclusive technology for TAs: Understanding and using assistive technologies Les T. Johnson, Senior Educational Developer (Online Pedagogies)
2:30–3:30 pm
Discovering your mentorship philosophy: Effective skills for graduate mentors Nasim Tavassoli, Educational Developer (Student Development)

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