

Teaching Assistant Professional Development Days

Wednesday, September 4 | Dalhousie Student Union Building

Registration starts at 9 am in room 302.

| 9:30–10 am | |
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| 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, 2 nd floor | Unlocking student engagement: Effective strategies for active classroom participation Elizabeth Gillis, Senior Educational Developer (Curriculum) |
| 10:45–11 am | |
| Room 302 | Coffee break |
| 11–11:45 am | |
| Room 303 | Empowering students with effective written feedback Janice MacDonald Eddington, Writing Advisor at the Writing |
| Council Chambers, 2 nd floor | Managing your classroom with the F-R Framework: Friendliness, Firmness, and Fairness Daniella Sieukaran, Senior Educational Developer (Curriculum) |



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| 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, 2 nd floor | TAing for shy people Gillian Gass, University Teaching Fellow, Department of Biology |
| 2:30–2:45 pm | |
| Room 302 | Coffee break |
| 2:45- 3:45 pm | |
| Room 303 | Supporting international and multilingual TAs Vanessa Lent, PhD, International Student Writing Advisor |
| Council Chambers, 2 nd 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 |



Teaching Assistant Professional Development Days

Thursday, September 5 | Online

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| 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) |

