

Graduate Teaching Consultant Overview and Eligibility

Program Overview

The GTC Program is intended to support the University's commitment to excellence in teaching and learning. Selected GTCs are **paid \$18/hr** and receive mentorship, training, and other specialized support from Instructional Consultants at the Center, contributing to the GTC's development of teaching and communication skills necessary for a faculty appointment at 2- or 4-year institutions. **GTCs in turn serve as instructional coaches, seminar facilitators, and peer mentors to Teaching Assistants across campus.**

GTCs are an integral part of graduate student professional development in teaching at Texas A&M University, providing support to the **Teaching Assistant Institute (TAI), Academy for Future Faculty (AFF), and a number of departmental and student requests for consultations in teaching services.**

GTC Responsibilities

The Graduate Teaching Consultant program allows the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) to extend its reach, addressing the pedagogical needs of teaching assistants (TAs) on campus. Serving in a majority of departments across various colleges, TAs help to educate undergraduate students by ensuring they engage with course content according to course learning outcomes; support faculty in the facilitation of in-class learning activities; oversee laboratory exercises and studio projects; and provide assessment support in the preparation of exam questions and item grading.

The important and varied roles of TAs continue to necessitate the employment of the GTC program. GTCs provide pedagogical support to TAs through individual and small group consultation on a variety of teaching and learning topics; teaching workshops; and classroom observation and feedback services.

Eligibility

- Must have had at least two semesters of teaching experience and/or completed the Academy for Future Faculty (AFF), College Classroom Teaching: Integration of Teaching Research and Learning course or a similar experience.
- Can hold an assistantship (i.e., GAR, GANT, or GAT) in their department, and can be admitted to the GTC Program with approval of the department head and the Graduate and Professional School.
- International students may be nominated. Work hours will be limited in accordance with federal and university regulations. For more information contact cte@tamu.edu.