

Workshops on Teaching and Learning

For: Graduate TAs in Sciences, Technology, Engineering, and Math

When: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., August 29 – 31, 2011.

Where: Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences (CBLS)

MEETING YOUR FIRST CLASS

Monday, August 29, 1:00 – 4:00

First impressions matter. Students will form opinions about you and about your course based on how you conduct your first class or your first lab. On Monday, we'll talk about what you can do to get off to a good start, and you'll have a chance to practice your introduction to your course or lab.

PRESENTING AND EXPLAINING

Tuesday, August 30, 1:00 – 4:00

Knowing the subject matter is one thing; explaining it to students is quite another matter. How does one explain clearly? Equally important, how does one know if students are understanding? On Tuesday, we will talk about strategies for explaining and about how to use questions to check for understanding. You will have a chance to practice those skills on Wednesday.

PROMOTING THINKING

Wednesday, August 31, 1:00 – 4:00

Working with students individually, in pairs, and in small groups is a major part of the Teaching Assistant's role both in class and during office hours. These are the contexts in which TAs can prompt students to think more deeply and develop problem-solving skills. On Wednesday, we will discuss how to use questions – a key skill for helping students develop their thinking skills – in one-on-one and in small group interactions.

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