

# GRADUATE ASSISTANT ORIENTATION

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The Graduate School requires all Graduate Assistants (GAW, GAS, GRA, GTA, both new and returning) to complete an online Graduate Assistant Training course annually. Students are notified to take this training when the hiring department submits an assignment change in Oracle, hiring the student as a Graduate Assistant (GAW, GAS, GRA, GTA). The training includes a review of policies, rights and responsibilities, and mandatory Title IX information. All GAs are responsible for completing the online Graduate Assistant Training course through TWU's Bridge (<https://twu.bridgeapp.com/learner/courses/>) online training platform.

All **newly hired GTAs** (GTAs who are teaching for the very first time) are required to complete informational training presentations by representatives of the Graduate School, Academic Support Services, Graduate Student Council, Disabilities Support Services, the Offices of Human Resources, Environmental Safety and Health, TWU Library, Information Services, the Distance Education Support Team, Student Life, and by currently employed graduate assistants. New GTA training sessions are designed to help newly hired GTAs adjust to the teaching experience at TWU. New GTA informational training presentations are offered through Canvas (<https://twu.edu/cd3/information-for-faculty/canvas/>) and TWU's Bridge (<https://twu.bridgeapp.com/learner/courses/>) online training platform.