

The synchronous portion of fall 2020 GTA Workshop will be on Tuesday morning, August 18. The course is intended to help prepare you for your GTA role, and at the same time, accelerate your professional development. See below the schedule for **Phase I which starts on Zoom from about 8:55 until noon**. Plans for the rest of Phase I later that week are on Canvas; view them there when you are able. Note that if you have schedule conflicts with portions of Phase I later that week, they will be recorded and available to you on Canvas. Also note that the Zoom link for Tuesday will be available to you from this Canvas site in the coming few days. See you soon!

Information on Phase I sessions:

Phase I consists of multiple sessions which we usually hold in one day. Since moving online, to minimize cognitive load on students, we have divided it into two parts. A half-day live session will be held on *August 18th 8:55a.m. - noon*, and other Phase I sessions in the following days after August 18th (see course Canvas site). All sessions of Phase I *should be completed by August 31st* so that you can be equipped with information to start the semester as a GTA and also move on to Phase II.

For Phase I credit you have two options:

Though the majority of the sessions are provided synchronously, **we do record and provide all the sessions asynchronously as well.**

1. Attend all the synchronous sessions live and watch the asynchronous ones online, which is highly encouraged for participation and engagement.
2. Watch all the phase I session recordings at your own time and convenience.

Phase I schedule for August 18th:

This half-day workshop is an opportunity for you to engage in a series of live sessions and meet the Graduate School team.

Date /Time	Event	Presenter(s)
August 18th, 8:55 - 9:00	Welcome and introduction	Kevin Edgar
August 18th, 9:00 - 9:30	Graduate education in the 21st century	Karen DePauw
August 18th, 9:30 - 10:00	The VT community in fall 2020	Kevin Edgar
August 18th, 10:00 - 10:30	Family education rights and privacy (FERPA)	Rick Sparks
August 18th, 10:30 - 11:00	Accessible technologies	Christa Miller
August 18th, 11:00 - 11:45	Grad student panel with all the answers!	GS Panel
August 18th, 11:45 - Noon	GRAD 5004 Expectations and requirements	Kevin Edgar

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