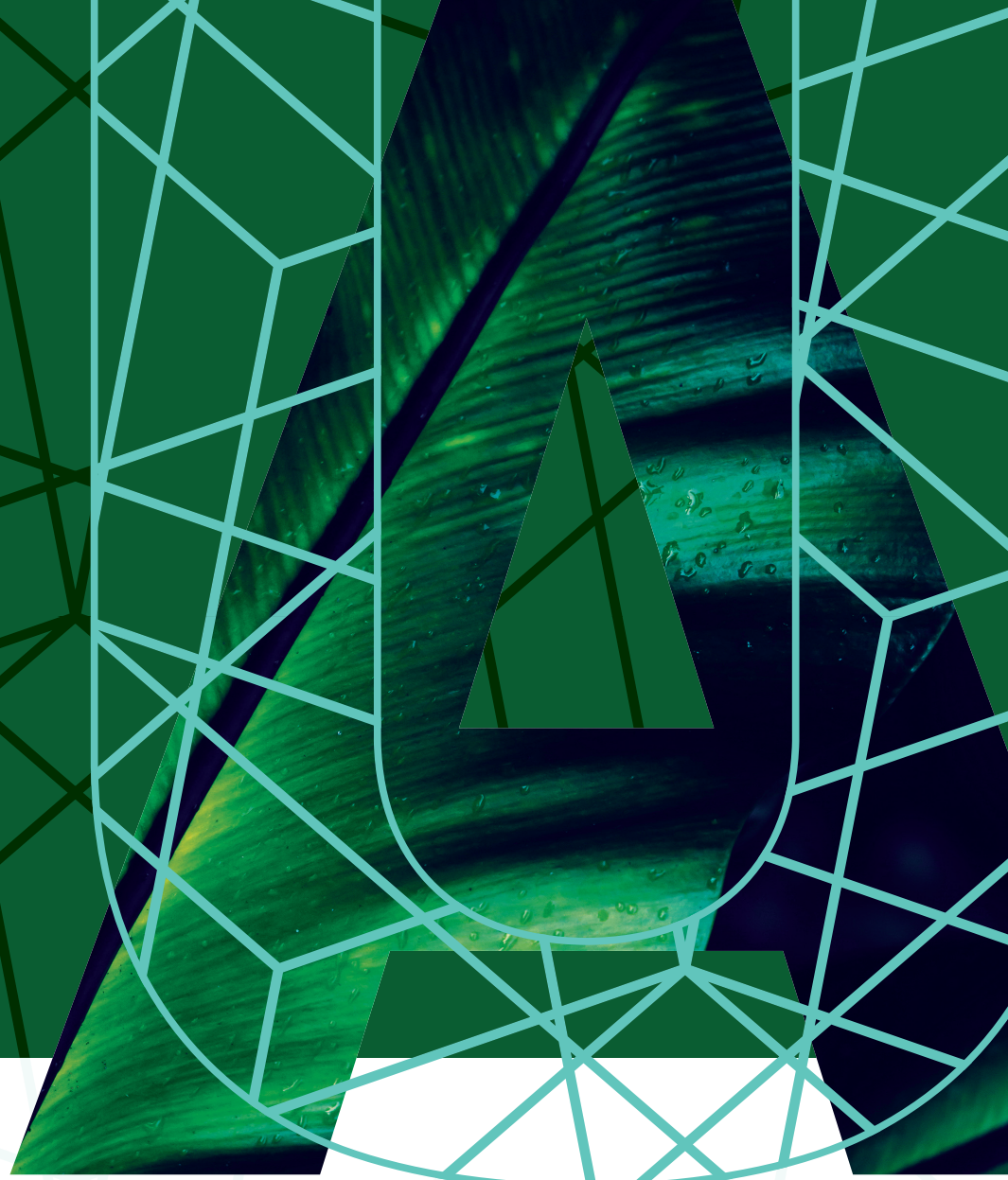




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At the U of A, 2,694 graduate student teaching assistants support undergraduate learning, many serving as primary instructors. Their impact on students, the university and beyond is immeasurable.

Celebrating Great Teaching

When we think about our time spent in classrooms, what memories come back? Sometimes it is the physical space, but more often it is a teacher who left a lasting impression. We all have stories we share about the educators who shaped our learning. The graduate student teaching assistants we are recognizing today represent a community of graduate students from across campus that contributed more than 500,000 hours of teaching last year.

The past five years have brought significant changes in teaching and learning, from adapting to online instruction during COVID to the growing role of artificial intelligence in our daily lives. These years have required teaching assistants to be resilient, adaptable and forward-thinking in how they engage students. These attributes will prepare graduate students to lead and serve as role models beyond the university.

The University of Alberta Graduate Student Teaching Awards celebrate these contributions. We recognize the talent, dedication and passion of graduate students identified by their faculties for their exceptional contributions to teaching and learning, and for shaping the undergraduate student experience.

Faculty of Agricultural, Life & Environmental Sciences

Jennifer Beaudette	Human Ecology
Homa Ghomashchi	Agriculture, Food, and Nutritional Sciences
Matthew Oryschak	Agriculture, Food, and Nutritional Sciences
Danielle Pendlebury	Renewable Resources

Faculty of Arts

Faye (Jiyuan) Bao	East Asian Studies
Miyu Bao	Philosophy
Mona Dehghanzadeh Sahi	Art & Design
Karlene Dunne	Anthropology
Patrick Erickson	History, Classics and Religion
Hande Gür	Anthropology
McKayla Kennedy	Political Science
Tristan Mula	Anthropology
Taofiki Okunola	Political Science
Aynaz Raoufian	Art & Design
Maria Rosati	Art & Design
Tulika Singh	History, Classics, and Religion
Sheryl Spencer	Art & Design
Yunxiao (Vera) Xia	Linguistics
Zheng Yang	East Asian Studies
Hao Zheng	Psychology

Alberta School of Business

Mehri E. Baloochi	Strategy, Entrepreneurship & Management
Roghayeh Teimourfamian Asl	Marketing

Faculty of Education

Dawn Abraham	Educational Psychology
Emile Moacdieh	Secondary Education
Brittany Ouellette	Educational Psychology
Ty Riddick	Elementary Education
Megan Tipler	Secondary Education
Kendra Wells	Educational Psychology

Faculty of Engineering

Mostafa Alizadeh	Mechanical Engineering
Sena Assaf	Civil and Environmental Engineering
Mohamed Assaf	Civil and Environmental Engineering
Sajjad Hossian Bappy	Electrical and Computer Engineering
Lingyu Bu	Mechanical Engineering
Daniele Calista	Chemical and Materials Engineering
Ruogu Chen	Electrical and Computer Engineering
Md Razon Chowdhury	Electrical and Computer Engineering
William Camilo Correa Vergara	Civil and Environmental Engineering
Rishabh Dagur	Mechanical Engineering
Amira Eltahan	Civil and Environmental Engineering
Zahra Hajimehdigholi	Chemical and Materials Engineering
Siyi Huang	Electrical and Computer Engineering
Lucas Martin Inshida	Chemical and Materials Engineering
Parsa Javadi	Electrical and Computer Engineering
Mahyar Karami	Electrical and Computer Engineering
Mohammad Kheirkhah Gilde	Civil and Environmental Engineering
Navneet Kumar	Electrical and Computer Engineering
Hongtao Ma	Chemical and Materials Engineering
Parisa Mahdavi	Civil and Environmental Engineering
Anna Rita Moukarzel	Biomedical Engineering
Fathima Razeeya Mohamed Razick	Electrical and Computer Engineering
Mahzad Sadati	Mechanical Engineering
Amira Saleh	Civil and Environmental Engineering

Faculty of Engineering

Cameron Scott	Mechanical Engineering
Janukan Sivajeyan	Electrical and Computer Engineering
Arun Sreekumar	Mechanical Engineering
Albfazl Vaheb	Mechanical Engineering
Kosala Waduthanthri	Chemical and Materials Engineering
Faraz Zargari	Electrical and Computer Engineering
Jiale Zhu	Mechanical Engineering
Niromand Jasimi Zindashti	Mechanical Engineering
Hui (Polo) Zuo	Civil and Environmental Engineering

Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport & Recreation

Sara Sereda
Grace Spilchak
Jandra Wells

Faculty of Law

Stella Varvis

Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry

Mckenna Eklund	Medical Microbiology and Immunology
Shae Komant	Medical Microbiology and Immunology

Faculty of Native Studies

Shiva Kiaras

Faculty of Nursing

Amber Hussain

Lori Lo

Faculty of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences

Kharouba Maged

Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine

Meaghan Ray Peters

Physical Therapy

Peter Lougheed Leadership College

Erin Ratelle

Campus Saint Jean

Soumeya Farah Rebbouh

Faculty of Science

Mahdieh Aminian Shahrokhadi	Mathematics and Statistical Sciences
Mamak Bakhtiari	Chemistry
Joseph Christopher Bardwell	Physics
Arseniy Belosokhov	Biological Sciences
Hannah Bordin	Biological Sciences
Madison Bradley	Computing Science
Marj Gem Bunda-Fajunio	Biological Sciences
Cole Butler	Chemistry
Yulei Cheng	Mathematics and Statistical Sciences
Harrisen Tyler Corbould	Physics
Trinanjan Dey	Chemistry
Matthew Dickson	Chemistry
Dustin Doty	Biological Sciences
Menglei Duan	Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
Aduratomy Etuk	Biological Sciences
Harold Guillermo Flohr	Physics
Garrett Fregoso	Chemistry
Shan Gao	Mathematics and Statistical Sciences
Dave Goel	Computing Science
Vrushali Rao Gumnur	Psychology
Steven Hai	Computing Science
Emily Halina	Computing Science
Ravyn Hardcastle	Computing Science
H M Quamran Hasan	Computing Science
Deborah Hawkshaw	Biological Sciences
Akemi Izuko	Computing Science
Autumn Kirk	Biological Sciences
Emily Korfanty	Mathematics and Statistical Sciences
Renald James Legaspi	Biological Sciences
Haining (Norman) Liang	Biological Sciences
Dagmar Loftsdottir	Computing Science
Angela Ma	Psychology

Faculty of Science

Lisa MacLeod	Biological Sciences
Bernal Manzanilla	Computing Science
Tyler James Martin	Physics
Mohsen Mohammadi	Computing Science
Noel Murasko	Mathematics and Statistical Sciences
Samiha Nayeem	Computing Science
Madelyn O'Hara	Biological Sciences
Julie Olsen	Psychology
Samuel Oliveira	Computing Science
Soroush Omidvarkehrani	Computing Science
Jakaria Rabbi	Computing Science
Dinithi Rajapaksha	Chemistry
Anna Joy Redanz	Physics
Rachael Rieberger	Biological Sciences
Desiree Rose	Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
Sanku Roy	Computing Science
Natavan Safikhanova	Mathematics and Statistical Sciences
Fatemeh Sharafinejad	Chemistry
Tomasz Szczepanski	Mathematics and Statistical Sciences
Brandon Theurer	Biological Sciences
Allison Thome	Chemistry
Sara Thomson	Computing Science
Emily Wade	Chemistry
Tianxu Wang	Mathematics and Statistical Sciences
Jingyi (Claire) Xu	Computing Science
Xin Yang	Computing Science
Danial Yazdan	Chemistry
Hailey Yu	Chemistry
Christina Zafeiridou	Chemistry
Zhaowei Zeng	Mathematics and Statistical Sciences
Daniel Zhang	Computing Science
Tea Zhi Yuan	Chemistry

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