

Building Bridges to a Successful Graduate Career for Students and Teaching Assistants Who Speak English as an Additional Language

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Abstract

In this presentation the speaker will introduce an academic language and culture training model employed by the International Teaching Assistants (ITA) Program at Simon Fraser University (SFU). The ITA Seminars bridge a communication, cultural and educational gap for international teaching assistants and graduate students at SFU by providing them with communication and teacher training in an authentic university seminar setting. The ITAs in turn provide better quality instruction in classrooms throughout the university.

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