

# New International Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation

September 14, 2017      Johnson Hall 102

8:00 am      **Registration and continental breakfast**

8:30 am      **Welcome & Introductions**

*Presented by: International Programs and Graduate School staff*

OSU faculty and staff will welcome you to the university and the New GTA Orientation, provide an overview of the day's events, and discuss the importance of international GTAs to the campus community.

9:00 am      **Part I: Getting to Know Your Educational Setting**

*Presented by: Marigold Holmes*

Teaching in an intercultural setting, especially at a new university, can be both exhilarating and difficult. This session will provide participants with an overview of U.S. higher education and culture and an opportunity to identify intercultural differences between the U.S.-American educational environment and that of other educational settings around the world. Attendees will learn about the role of GTAs in U.S. classrooms, OSU academic requirements, and campus resources.

10:15 am      **Break**

10:30 am      **Part II: Creating a Meaningful Learning Community**

*Presented by: Marigold Holmes*

Intercultural interactions may pose challenges, but can also deliver new discoveries. This session will provide participants with resources and best practices for creating a meaningful learning community within your classroom. Attendees will learn how to develop positive relationships with students and successfully navigate difficult situations that may arise both in and out of the classroom. The goal of this session is to provide GTAs with tools to anticipate the instructional environment and make the teaching experience a welcoming and enjoyable part of the graduate experience.

11:45 am- noon      **Conclusion**

