

Pre-Orientation for New International Graduate Teaching Assistants

Thursday, August 10, 2017
Funkhouser Building, Room 200

8:00-8:30 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30 **Welcome and Insights into Higher Education in the U.S. and at Kentucky**
 Morris A. Grubbs, Ph.D., Assistant Dean, the Graduate School

9:00 **Making the Transition: Advice from an International Faculty Member**
 Xuguo “Joe” Zhou, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Entomology

9:45-10:00 Break

10:00 **Unconscious Bias and the American Classroom**
 Emily Duncan, Unconscious Bias Initiative Training Consultant
 Roshan Nikou, Graduate Council Coordinator

11:00 **Discussion with a Panel of Experienced International TAs**
 Albert Kalim, Moderator Wenjing Li, Business Administration
 Suraj Chaudhary, Philosophy Samuel Ofori, Chemistry
 Sepideh Dadkhah, Biology

12:00 **Lunch** (lunch buffet upstairs in room 313; please eat in room 200)

1:00 p.m. **The ITA Language Screening: What to Expect and How to Prepare**
 Angela Garner, CESL Lecturer & Coordinator of International Graduate
 Student Initiatives

2:30 Break

2:45 **UK International Center Orientation** – for students new to the University of KY
 John Honeycutt, Immigration Specialist, International Student & Scholar Services

This completes the International TA Orientation. Throughout the day on Friday, August 11th, are pre-set appointments for ITA language screenings. If you are scheduled for a language screening, you should have received an email with the location and your appointed time. If you did not receive an email or if you have questions, the screening schedule is available for review at the ITA orientation. You will continue with the two-day university-wide TA Orientation on Monday, August 14th, with Microteaching at 9:00 a.m. (in assigned rooms in White Hall Classroom Building or Funkhouser Building).