Statement of Teaching Philosophy  
(Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars Only)

Articulating your statement of teaching philosophy is useful to guide your teaching practice, to communicate about how you teach, and to prepare for the academic job market. Graduate students and postdocs can work with a Teaching Assistant Consulting (TAC) Fellow to develop or refine a written statement of their philosophy regarding teaching and learning.

What happens after I schedule a statement of teaching philosophy consultation?

A TAC Fellow will contact you to schedule a meeting to discuss your statement of teaching philosophy and ask you to share a draft of your statement. Graduate students and postdocs often find it is most helpful to meet with a Fellow once they have a complete draft, although Fellows are available to meet at earlier stages in the process as well. You will typically be able to meet with a Fellow within 5 to 7 days of submitting your request.

Are there any workshops or resources to help get me started?

CEE and the Internship and Career Center (ICC) offer workshops several times a year on preparing statements of teaching philosophy and teaching portfolios, among other topics. View upcoming workshops through the CEE and ICC. Recordings and materials from past workshops are also available. Graduate students and postdocs who participate in the Seminar on College Teaching (EDU 398) also develop a statement of teaching philosophy as part of the course.

Where can I get help with the quality of my writing, but not the content?

The Graduate Writing Fellows offer free writing consultations for all graduate students. Schedule a consultation for help organizing your ideas, improving grammar and syntax, and strengthening of your overall writing skills.

Where can I get help with preparing other academic job materials?

The Internship and Career Center offers workshops, consultations, and resources related to the academic job search. Visit their website to learn about career options, research statements, CVs, cover letters, and more.