Teaching Support for New & Returning Faculty

There are many resources available to support your teaching in the Faculty of Arts & Science and across the university:

In your academic unit (department/centre/etc):
- Find a teaching mentor. Ask your chair/director, or other senior colleagues, to identify a faculty member who is enthusiastic about the kinds of teaching approaches and contexts you wish to explore. Your teaching mentor might share or review teaching materials, observe and provide feedback on your teaching, or help guide you through the process of proposing and developing a new course.
- Your academic unit’s Associate Chair, Undergraduate (or Undergraduate Coordinator) is an important resource for information about teaching practices and policies in your department.

In the Faculty of Arts & Science:
- The Vice-Dean, Teaching & Learning, the Vice-Dean, Graduate Education and & Program Reviews, and the Associate Dean, Undergraduate are all important resources for Faculty-level questions, concerns and ideas about teaching. Information about the role of each Vice- and Associate Dean is available in your New Faculty Orientation folder and at http://www.artsci.utoronto.ca/main/administration/officeofthedean.
- The Office of the Faculty Registrar is an important resource for any questions about academic policies or course requirements, although normally you would first contact your Associate Chair, Undergraduate about such matters. See http://www.artsci.utoronto.ca/current/undergraduate/office/.
- College Registrars can help you with any questions or concerns about particular students. See http://www.artsci.utoronto.ca/newstudents/nextsteps/contact.
- The Office of Teaching Technology Support is responsible for assisting faculty and teaching assistants in their use of instructional technologies and their development of pedagogical methods using online teaching tools. The staff support instructors’ use of Blackboard, the institutional learning management system, as well as other teaching technologies. See http://www.artsci.utoronto.ca/main/administration/teaching-technology-support.

Across the UofT:
- The Centre for Teaching Support & Innovation (CTSI) offers numerous workshops and other programming on teaching and instructional technology, online and print resources, individual consultations and in-class observations, and many other services. http://www.teaching.utoronto.ca/home.htm
- The Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre at UTM (http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/asc/index.htm) and the Centre for Teaching & Learning at UTSC (http://ctl.utsc.utoronto.ca/home/) offer resources for faculty and students on those campuses.

Building your teaching team:
- The Teaching Assistants’ Training Program can advise you on how to integrate TAs into your course in the way that is most helpful to you, your students, and the TA. The TATP offers training for TAs (and can help you develop and deliver training for a particular course or task) and can provide consultation to instructors as they plan a TA’s role in their course. See http://www.teaching.utoronto.ca/gsta.htm.
- Andrea Williams, the Faculty of Arts & Science Lecturer, Writing Instruction, supports units, faculty members, and TAs seeking to improve the teaching of writing across the curriculum. Through individual consultations and group workshops, she provides expertise on all aspects of writing instruction such as curriculum, course, and assignment design; evaluating student writing; integrating writing into lectures, tutorials, and labs; and developing departmental writing goals for undergraduates. Contact Andrea at al.williams@utoronto.ca.

- Leora Freedman coordinates the Faculty of Arts & Science English Language Learning (ELL) Program, which supports the English language development of both non-native-speaker and native-speaker students. She is available for workshops and consultations on issues of teaching and marking papers effectively in U of T's multilingual environment. Teaching handouts are posted at: http://www.artsci.utoronto.ca/current/undergraduate/ell/resources-for-students.

- Librarians can be a valuable resource in helping you plan your course and assignments, and can help teach your students information literacy skills. Contact the liaison librarian for your field for support in identifying relevant resources, developing research-based assignments, and classroom visits. http://resource.library.utoronto.ca/liaison/

- The University of Toronto Writing website (http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/) provides resources for faculty to support the development of written assignments. Faculty can also request an in-class visit from a writing centre instructor. The website also includes resources for TAs and students.