

Being a UTA was an extremely rewarding experience for two reasons: I got to experience what goes on behind the scenes for being a professor and improved both my math and presenting skills. Being able to teach a class greatly helped me reorient the way in which I think about math, from a bottom up perspective to a more top down perspective. This skill has greatly increased the ways in which I talk to my peers about math, present it, and even approach a problem. I have also had to adapt the way in which I communicate math to others because what works for one person does not always work for others, which has helped me be more adaptive in my thinking and communicating.

This experience has also given me an opportunity to interact with more people and share my experiences in math, hopefully in an encouraging manner. As such, when people come to me looking for help on a problem, it is very rewarding when they get to the point of understanding. This feeling has greatly increased my self-confidence and assured me of my abilities to relay my ideas to others clearly. Overall, this experience is one of the most rewarding positions on campus and I would recommend it to other people who are looking to go to graduate school or some teaching position.