



FIMS TA Professionalization Program **2026-2027**



The 2026-2027 FIMS TA Professionalization Program consists of seven optional sessions covering a diverse range of topics designed to enhance TA skills and to support professional development. The structure of these sessions and the topics that we'll cover will vary: some will be offered in hybrid form, some will feature guest speakers from campus organizations covering vital issues for TAs, others will include Q&A panels with senior TAs and professors – and most of them will feature pizza, combining informal discussions with food.

While you are welcome to attend as many sessions as you like, those of you who attend at least five of the seven sessions, and complete the exit surveys associated with those sessions, will earn a digital badge for the FIMS TA Professionalization Program – a certification that recognizes your commitment to professional growth in preparation for future roles in academia and beyond it. This badge can be added to your CV and serves as a valuable credential, demonstrating not only dedication to effective teaching but also to professional excellence.

Information on the individual sessions will be communicated to you throughout the term. The general schedule, however, will run as follows:

FALL 2026

- Session 1: THE BASICS – end of September
- Session 2: GRADING – October
- Session 3: NAVIGATING GBSV – November
- Session 4: MENTAL HEALTH – beginning of December

WINTER 2027

- Session 5: CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT – January
- Session 6: GRADING & AI, PART 2 – February
- Session 7: PROFESSIONALIZATION SKILLS – March

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