



TA Training at School of Physics and Astronomy

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SoPA Teaching Assistants

- SoPA PhD students (~150)
- CSE/UoE PhD students (~10)
- MSc/MPhys alumni (~2)
- External (~2)

Typical workload 6 hrs per week for 10 weeks (all incl).

Some choose lighter teaching load, some choose or are required to opt for higher teaching load.

TA training at SoPA

1. * SoPA TA training: week -1 (S1)
 - * SoPA TA training follow up: week 13 (S1)
 - * Institute for Academic Development TA courses:

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/institute-academic-development/learning-teaching/staff/tutors-demonstrators/courses>

2. Mandatory online training courses for all UoE staff (step 3):

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/human-resources/learning-development/induction/planning-own-induction>

3. **Start of year meeting** with each course team (organised by CO)

Challenges

- Professionalism
- Perspective
- Bluffing vs 'I don't know'
- Marking and Feedback
- Research vs TA time
- Social Media

Thank you!

