

What to expect when you take the ITACA

We understand that you might be nervous about taking this assessment, which is why the reviewer spends the first several minutes of the conversation simply getting to know you. After a few questions about your research and teaching interest, you will...

- receive a simple infographic and be asked to “teach” this information to the reviewer. Take a few minutes to gather your thoughts and ask questions about the material prior to delivering your “lesson”.
- respond to a scenario that might occur between a student and TA, such as how you might answer a question in class, or help a student who is struggling with a homework problem.
- listen to two conversations between a student and TA and respond to a series of comprehension questions.

That’s it! The best way to prepare for the ITACA is to simply relax and have fun. Feel free to ask questions of the interviewer as you go through the process.

The assessment takes about 30 minutes to complete and is administered via free web conferencing software, such as BlueJeans. You will need a microphone and camera to complete the assessment.

Importantly, this assessment is not designed to prevent you from receiving a teaching assistantship. The goal is the better match incoming international TAs with appropriate teaching assistantship duties and support.