From GSI to Professor: 
Steps You Can Take as a Graduate Student

For Beginning GSIs
• Participate in the Teaching Conference for GSIs sponsored by GSI TRC
• Take departmental pedagogy seminar
• Complete GSI Online Course on Professional Standards and Ethics in Teaching
• Have faculty member observe your teaching and give feedback
• Observe a peer teaching
• Keep a teaching log
• Read the Teaching Guide for GSIs
• Read Teaching Effectiveness Award essays from GSIs in your discipline
• Conduct a mid-semester evaluation of your teaching
• Experiment with Classroom Assessment Techniques, e.g., the Minute Paper
• Analyze your end-of-semester evaluations and set goals for improvement

For Intermediate GSIs
• Diversify your teaching methods
• Have your teaching videotaped and get feedback from a trained consultant (a free GSI Center service)
• Develop a statement of teaching philosophy
• Attend Workshops on Teaching (provided by the GSI Center) in areas you would like to improve
• Join the Tomorrow’s Professor listserv
• Read up in the literature on teaching and learning that interests you
• Prepare and give a lecture; consider having it videotaped
• Learn how to design and use a grading rubric
• Learn how to use a learning management system (e.g., bCourses) to enhance student participation

For Advanced GSIs
• Diversify your teaching experience
• Take the GSI Center’s workshop series on syllabus and course design
• Design a course you would like to teach
• If the opportunity exists, teach a course you have created
• Take workshop on developing a teaching portfolio
• Create a teaching portfolio
• Look at job announcements in your field to determine teaching materials requested
• Attend Career Center workshops on applying for academic jobs
• Participate in the Graduate Division’s Summer Institute for Preparing Future Faculty
• Other steps you can take?