

CENTRE FOR TEACHING SUPPORT & INNOVATION

Tuesday May 2nd, 2023

Dear Eric Keilty,

This letter is to recognize you on being nominated for a 2023 Teaching Assistants' Training Program (TATP) TA Teaching Excellence Award. Out of an extraordinary number of applications from across the University, you were one of only 14 short-listed candidates for this award. This means your nomination was supported by multiple students who expressed a sincere appreciation for your teaching strengths and a desire to see them honoured. The TATP TA Teaching Excellence Award recognizes the outstanding achievements of teaching assistants across all four divisions in the School of Graduate Studies at the University of Toronto, and in being short-listed for this award you can count yourself among the University's top TAs!

On behalf of the awards committee for the TATP Teaching Excellence Award, allow me also to extend our thanks for submitting a nomination package for the second stage of nominations—we recognize the time and effort needed to assemble teaching materials, additional letters of support, and to prepare a teaching philosophy statement. We very much enjoyed learning of your teaching beliefs and your experiences as a University of Toronto TA.

The selection committee faced a very tough decision this year, as we received exceptional nominations for a number of highly qualified award candidates. This was also a particularly competitive year, and we received a high number of nominations from students and faculty on behalf of the nominated TAs. We hope, therefore, that even though you were not successful in winning one of the 2023 TATP TA Teaching Excellence Awards, you can view being one of only 14 short-listed candidates as a significant accomplishment. The awards committee certainly shares this view.

Once again, please accept our sincere congratulations on being short-listed for this university-wide award. Very best wishes for continued success with your studies and your future teaching endeavors.

Sincerely,

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Michal Kasprzak, Assistant Director, CTSI/TATP

On behalf of the TATP TA Teaching Excellence Award Committee:

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