

IGTAAP

"I will have an opportunity to be a TA. IGTAAP has helped me teach students." -IGTAAP participant

"Since I've recently been accepted to med school at Michigan State, I feel like IGTAAP has helped me professionally develop and gain international experience on campus. [IGTAAP] looked great on my application." -IGTAAP coach

"[IGTAAP] helped me to understand more about speaking correct English." -IGTAAP participant

"Every session I learn a lot about different cultures. I've learned little bits of Mandarin from these sessions. It's neat learning new languages!" -IGTAAP coach



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**International Graduate Teaching
Assistant Assistance Program**

Working on language through conversations that matter

What is IGTAAP?

IGTAAP is a collaborative learning center in which international Graduate students and undergraduate coaches gather to help international graduate students, especially those preparing to become teaching assistants, enhance their communication skills. This further increases their confidence in teaching in American STEM classes.

"I'd love to teach someday, so I hope that people will be able to understand my pronunciation."

-IGTAAP participant

IGTAAP's informal setting allows students to produce innovative resources and mold each experience to satisfy individual goals.

IGTAAP session structure:

A typical IGTAAP session may include...

- Participating in conversations to better understand vocabulary, pronunciation, dialogue, idioms, and slang.
- Rehearsing a lecture or lab presentation with a coach.
- Exchanging cultural customs to benefit both participant and coach.
- Gaining the confidence to converse with students, faculty, and potential employers.
- Learning to listen to and understand American student's speech.
- Becoming oriented to campus and the community they live in.



Why is this important?

STEM departments will thrive as their graduate teacher's assistants gain the confidence to communicate and teach in Michigan Tech classrooms.

Students who are involved in IGTAAP not only improve their English language skills, but also learn the skills needed to be a vital part of the learning community at Michigan Tech.

Both participants and coaches become more understanding of different worldly experiences.