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Dear Ozgur Esentepe,

This letter is to congratulate you on being nominated for a 2017 Teaching Assistants' Training Program (TATP) TA Teaching Excellence Award. Out of 201 TAs nominated from across the university, you were one of only 12 short-listed candidates for this award. This means your nomination was supported by letters from at least one faculty member who observed your work in the classroom, and by multiple students who expressed a sincere appreciation for your teaching strengths and a desire to see these strengths 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 selection 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. Should you wish any of the materials you submitted for this award returned to you, minus any confidential materials, please contact me directly. Your nomination package is available for pick-up in my office.

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. We received a high number of nominations—498 nominations from students and faculty were received on behalf of the 201 nominated TAs. We hope, therefore, that even though you were not successful in winning one of the 2016 TATP Teaching Excellence Awards, you can view being one of only 12 short-listed candidates as a significant accomplishment. The selection 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 endeavours.

Sincerely,

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