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UTA Working Experience

Working as a UTA provided me with a good understanding of mathematics and showed me a different perspective on teaching and tutoring techniques. Before getting this job, I just looked at math from the point of view of a student, managing personal study plans and summarizing individual learning tips. However, working as a UTA gave me a totally different vision of study. Besides having a role as a math student, it was necessary that I build the mentality of the teaching assistant. Acting as UTAs, we were supposed to assist the students in understanding the material and dealing with their homework problems. In this part, my mentor, May Yeap, was very helpful. At first, I could not find the correct way to behave as a UTA. It was her who pointed out that the UTA was a nice opportunity for me to obtain and practice my teaching skills. I got a lot of inspiration and training by working with her.

The seminar also played a vital role in my UTA life, thanks to what Gabriela and Lidia did for this seminar and our UTA training. Their endeavor let the seminar become one significant source for us, showing us how to behave as qualified teaching assistants. The seminar included presentations, tutoring practice, discussions on how to be a good tutor and so on. By getting involved in these activities, I gradually became more familiar with the UTA job and realized what the correct tutoring way was. I also learned a lot from the rest of the UTAs. I was very impressed by their passion for Math and their excellent tutoring and presentation skills.

In total, it cannot be denied that one can learn a lot from the UTA experience. I really appreciated that I had a chance to work as a UTA.