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I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience as an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant because it has given me a rare chance not only to test my skills as a tutor and instructor, but also to meet some of the finest minds the university has to offer. Throughout the semester, I have had the chance to hold weekly homework sessions and test reviews, grade papers, and even teach a lesson to the class. Although I am not a Math Education major, this experience has led me to consider a career in the field of education in the future. The theory behind education to which my sponsor is so dedicated is fascinating; attempting to apply these concepts to an actual lesson in the classroom is both challenging and rewarding. In addition to discussing these ideas at length with my sponsor, I was also able to find insight with my fellow tutors during our weekly tutor room hours. Both instructors and UTAs volunteer their time here, so discussing their current research and interests beyond teaching have given me inspiration for my own future study. Overall, the benefits of participating in the UTA program have outweighed all else, and I would recommend it to any student with a passion for helping others.