Teaching and research experiences are regarded as an integral aspect of the graduate training program. All doctoral students are required to serve as teaching fellows for a minimum of two terms at the TF level 10 or 20, typically during years two and three. Depending on their funding sources, students may be expected to teach additional terms after they have fulfilled the academic teaching requirement but would not be required to teach more than four terms over the first five years. With the permission of the DGS, the total teaching requirement beyond two terms may be reduced for students who are awarded fellowships supported by outside funding or who serve as graduate research assistants in year three. Other exceptions may be granted after two terms of teaching are completed, with the approval of the DGS. During the first term of teaching, students must attend a training session conducted by the Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning. First-year students are encouraged to focus their efforts on course work and are not permitted to serve as teaching fellows. A Ph.D. student who has fulfilled the teaching requirement is not permitted to serve as a teaching fellow without special permission from the DGS. In the rare instances this exception is approved, the student will only be allowed to serve as a TF10.