

In order to TA and receive financial support from the Department, you will be required to take the Maryland English Institute (M.E.I.) International Teaching Assistants (ITAs) English evaluation. The evaluation consists of three separate exams: 1) The interview, 2) Listening dictation, and 3) Microteaching.

Please review The MEI ITA Exam Powerpoint Presentation located on Chemistry's website (<http://www.chem.umd.edu/GraduateProgram/current.php>), and the information posted on Maryland English Institute's website (<http://www.international.umd.edu/mei/572>). These resources will help you better understand the English exams that you will take in August.

The first round of Maryland English Institute (M.E.I.) International Teaching Assistants (ITAs) English evaluation will be an interview. You will sit across from a person who will ask you questions, and you will be asked to give relevant answers. If you can pass the interview, you will not have to take the last two portions of the M.E.I. ITAs or enroll in an English course your first semester.

Please listen to the question, pause the recording, and say the answer out loud that you think would be the best response to the question.

What is your name?

Where did you come from?

Tell me about your hometown.

Are any special products manufactured in your town?

What is the environment like where you are from?

How do you like Maryland so far?

What is the difference between the United States and your country?

Have you gotten over the feeling of jetlag yet?

What will you do if your students don't understand your accent?

If one student cannot understand what you are teaching, what would you do?

If students complain about the lecturing professor, what would you say to them?

What do you think is the most important thing about being a TA?

Do you grade on a curve?

A note of advice: Be confident, speak in at an audible level, and look your interviewer in the eye once in a while. The most important thing is to relax!