

Assessing student work and providing feedback through Quercus-Part II

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In this webinar:

1

Examine options and considerations for online assessment

2

Explore the tools and platforms available for creating assessments in the Academic Toolbox (Quercus)

3

Review sample rubrics for providing students with feedback on their work

4

Explore a Quercus course containing various types of assessments

Tell us about...

Type answer in chat

Which of the following assessment options have you used in your courses?

- digital projects (e.g. audio, video, and posters)
- e-portfolios
- presentations (both group and individual)
- seminars
- discussions
- other (please type in the chat)

Considerations for online assessment

Key Terms

Assessment

- source of meaningful information about your students' learning and your own teaching
- frequent, varied assessment offers students multiple opportunities to demonstrate their learning

Feedback

- helps your students sustain effort and motivation
- supports successful long-term habits and learning practices
- frequent, meaningful feedback offers students insight into their own learning progress



Online assessment is going to look

different than F2F



- Think about what can be moved online and what needs to be adapted
- Survey your students on their access to online learning; share <u>Tips</u> for their own preparations for online
- Bring the best practices of assessment design to the creation of your online assignments
- Be creative if you are redesigning pre-existing assessments
- Use multiple methods of assessment

Consider multiple categories of assessment

Diagnostic

Pre-assessment

- provides background on what students know
- use to build on prior knowledge

Formative

Assessment *for* learning

- learning-centred
- criteria and standards (rubrics)
- student self & peerassessment

Summative

Assessment of learning

- looking back
- content-centred
- traditional
- useful for providing end of course grades

CTSI Tips for Online Assessment: https://teaching.utoronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Online-Assessment-Tips.pdf



Academic Integrity at U of T



U of T Academic Integrity Resource Guide

Students

- know the <u>Code of</u>
 <u>Behaviour on</u>

 <u>Academic Matters</u>
- understand what constitutes an academic offence

Instructors

- educate students about AI principles
- direct them to appropriate resources/supports
- use <u>Smart Strategies</u> for online assessment design





Academic Integrity and Online Assessment

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Use authentic assessment

Ask real questions

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Bloom's Taxonomy & Online Assessment Options

	Learning Process	Associated Verbs	Assessment Option
create	Produce new or original work	Design, assemble, construct, formulate	project presentation, poster, ePortfolio
evaluate	Justify a stand or decision	Appraise, argue, defend, judge, select, support, value	student-led seminar
analyze	Draw connections among ideas	Differentiate, organize, relate, compare, contrast	case studies, group discussions
apply	Use information in new situations	Execute, implement, solve, use, sketch, demonstrate	essay, research project, journal
understand	Explain ideas or concepts	Classify, describe, discuss, report, translate, recognize	short-answer test or quiz
remember	Recall facts & basic concepts	Define, duplicate, list, repeat, state	multiple-choice quiz



Online assessment options in Quercus

QUERCUS

The University of Toronto's Academic Toolbox



QUERCUS



Create and organize content

Connect and communicate



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Assess student work and provide feedback

Teach from a distance





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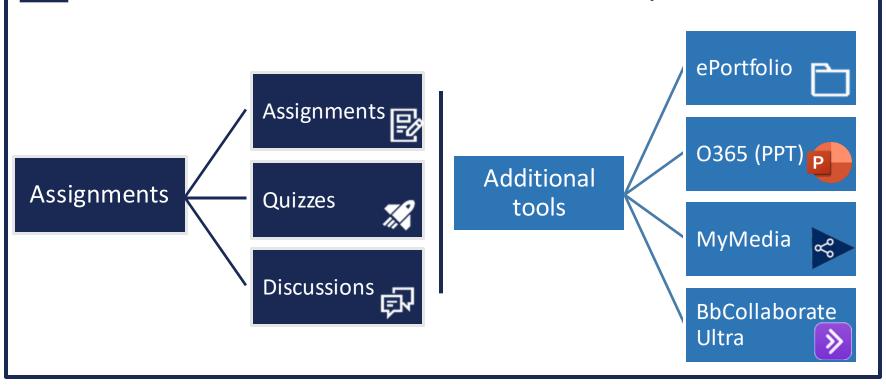
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Guide to assessment tools in Quercus



Online assessment options

Presentations

Journals & ePortfolios

Seminars & Discussions

Posters



Selecting an assessment tool

Outcomes

What are the learning outcomes?

Assessment

How will students demonstrate achievement of learning outcomes (e.g., presentation; journal)?

Assessment tool

Which tool best aligns with your outcomes and assessment?

General assessment guidelines

Rationale **Structure** Resources e.g., share readings, e.g., provide an outline, e.g., emphasize alignment clear instructions with learning outcomes; videos, examples professional development Support **Expectations Practice** e.g., include lower or e.g., offer office hours for e.g., share a rubric no-stakes activities questions



Presentations

Considerations

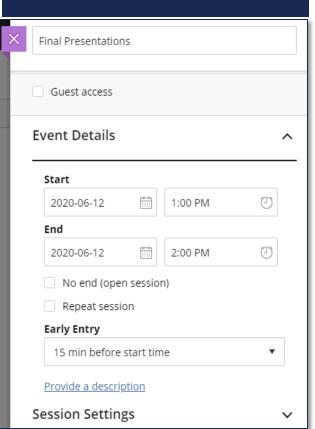
	Synchronous (live)	Asynchronous (recorded)
stable high-speed internet capabilities	YES	NO
time zones conducive to attendance	YES	NO
nature of presentation	interaction between presenters and audience; individual	interaction between presenters and audience is not required or not immediate; group
length of presentation	shorter presentation	longer presentation
size of class	smaller class	larger class



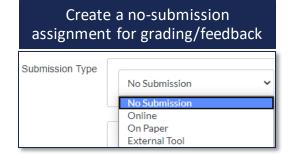
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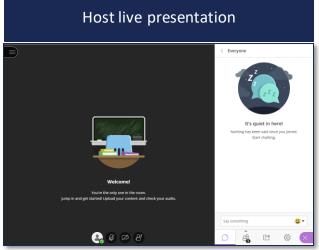
Synchronous presentation

Individual presentation



Schedule BbCollaborate session





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"In many ways, this [the full process] worked out quite well...there was a sense of an emotional separation as these presentations are normally done face-to-face. There was no clapping after each student presented, but the students turned on their mics and woo-hoo'd at the end of each presentation."

Michael Connolly, MFA
Sessional Lecturer
Centre for Drama, Theatre &
Performance Studies

Synchronous Individual Presentation (DRM413)

Purpose: live presentation to approximate classroom

experience for voice skills final exam

Grade: 10% of course grade

Timing: 10 minutes per student

Class size: 10 students

Preparation: previous work in class and Bb Collaborate sessions; link to set of voice exercises developed by

instructor

Follow-up and feedback: individual appointments with students (also on BbCollaborate) to review recording of their presentation and provide feedback

	A (80-100) Outstanding	B (70-80) Proficient *SGS Pass	C/D (50-69) Basic *CE Pass	F (<50) Below Expectations
Organization	The opening statement is clear and catches the audience's interest. Learning objectives are clearly articulated. Presentation is well organized and provides an excellent organizing framework for the learners.	The opening statement is clear and relevant to the topic. Learning objectives are stated. Presentation of opening statement is mostly organized and provides a good organizing framework for the learners.	The opening statement is not clear or relevant to the topic. Learning objectives are not explicitly stated. Presentation of opening statement is adequate but lacks an organizing framework for the learners.	There is no opening statement. The presentation has no focus or objectives for the presentation.
Content	Presentation content demonstrates substance and depth, is comprehensive, shows mastery of material, cites appropriate scholarly sources. Presenter demonstrates an excellent understanding of the application of selected technology to teaching and learning.	Presentation content covers the topic, shows an understanding of the material, cites and uses appropriate scholarly sources to support the content. Presenter demonstrates a good understanding of the application of selected technology to teaching and learning.	Presentation content adequately addresses the content, shows a basic understanding of the material, uses non scholarly sources to support the content. Presenter does not demonstrate a good understanding of the application of selected technology to teaching and learning.	Presentation content does not give adequate coverage of the topic and lacks sources. Presenter lacks understanding of the practical application of selected technology for teaching and learning.
Quality of Conclusion	The conclusion is persuasive, well informed, and supported. It revisits & summarizes the presentation objectives.	The conclusion summarizes the presentation's main points and draws conclusions based upon these points.	The conclusion is weak and does not summarize the main supporting points or objectives.	The conclusion is missing. There is no summary of main points or the objectives.



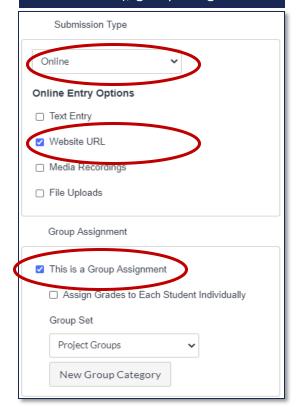




Asynchronous presentation

Group presentation

Create **online submission** (URL submission), group assignment



Share set of instructions for narrating over PPT slides

Microsoft guides: Record a slide show with narration and slide timings

Share instructions for uploading to MyMedia

MyMedia guide (UTL): Welcome to MyMedia

Share instructions for submitting URL to assignment

Canvas guides: How do I enter a URL as an assignment submission?

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"Given our students' wide range of physical circumstances we wanted to minimize requirements... Using narrated slides allowed students to collaboratively prepare a final presentation, without having to share a time zone."

"... the narrated videos were easier to evaluate than the live oral presentations since I could pause and rewind."

Jason Bazylak, P.Eng., M.Ed. Associate Professor, Teaching Stream, Mechanical Engineering

Dr. Peter Eliot Weiss Associate Professor, Teaching Stream Engineering Communication Program

Screencast Group Presentation (APS112)

Purpose: Simulate final client meeting common in Engineering; presentation aims to persuade client that the final design meets their needs and is ready for implementation

Grade: 20% of course grade

Timing: max 15 minutes

Groups: 171 groups x 4-6 students

Support resources: videos (how-to screencast, logistics, requirements); online help sessions (drop-in and by

appointment)

Feedback: Graded for delivery & content; team and individual feedback rubrics shared with students

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"I was extremely pleased with the simplicity of adding narration to PowerPoint... I was surprised at the quality of the narration. It seemed a lot easier and more natural for students than speaking in person and so they were really quite clear."

"We liked it so much that in the fall course (APS111) we normally have a final exam and no final presentation. This fall ...we are hoping to use this narrated slideshow final presentation model."

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Posters

Overview

- Benefits similar to F2F poster sessions
- Allows students to conduct in-depth research on a specific topic
- Poster design appeals to diverse student abilities
- Eliminates need for large room space
- Scaffolding works well with this type of assessment:
 - submit topic for approval
 - submit abstract (250 words)

"Having small assignments due throughout the length of the project encourages students to distribute their work throughout the time of the project rather than wait until night before the final poster is due to start their research." (Menke, 2014:215)

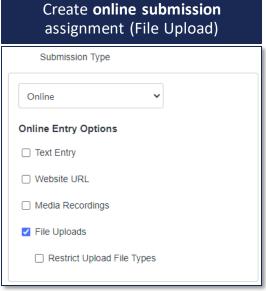


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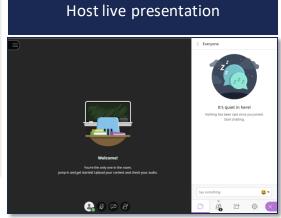
Synchronous poster

presentation

Group Poster +
Oral Presentation



Schedule BbCollaborate session(s) Poster Presentation Guest access Guest role Participant Https://ca.bbcollab.cc



Sample poster rubric

Menke, 2014

CHEM 100 Online Poster Evaluation Rubric (Used for instructor and poster peer evaluation)

Name of Evaluator:

Group Number of Poster Being Evaluated:

Titles, text and typography	None	Poor		Fair		Good
Titles and headings are well-positioned on the poster and easy to read	□ 0	□ 1	□ 2	□ 3	□ 4	□ 5
Body font is clear and effective	□ 0	0 1	□ 2	□ 3	□ 4	□ 5
Images are clear	□ 0	□ 1	□ 2	□ 3	□ 4	□ 5

Layout , structure and formatting	None	Poor		Fair		Good
Figures, diagrams, and charts are appropriately placed	□ 0	□ 1	□ 2	□ 3	□ 4	□ 5
Figures are properly referenced	□ 0	□ 1	□ 2	□ 3	□ 4	□ 5
The poster structure leads you through the content	□ 0	□1	□ 2	□ 3	□ 4	□ 5
The portions of content are logically connected	□ 0	- 1	□ 2	□ 3	□ 4	□ 5

Content	None	Poor		Fair		Good
Clearly states the topic	□ 0	□ 2	□ 4	□ 6	□ 8	□ 10
Clearly states why the topic is important	□ 0	□ 2	□ 4	□ 6	□ 8	□ 10
The content correctly uses chemistry to describe the problem	0	□ 2	□ 4	□ 6	□ 8	□ 10
Makes a clear connection between the topic and the local region (WI and/or northern IL)	_ O	□ 2	□ 4	□ 6	8 🗆	□ 10
The information is appropriate for a general, non- science audience	_ O	□ 2	□ 4	□ 6	8 🗆	□ 10
References						
Sources are properly cited within the text and in the reference section with proper formatting	□ 0	□1	□ 2	□ 3	□ 4	□ 5
References are from credible sources	□ 0	□ 2	□ 4	□ 6	□ 8	□ 10

Any additional comments may be made here or on the back:

Total = _____/100



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"With the shift to online new things can be possible. Exploit this new environment. For our Research Poster we realized there were now no limits on participant numbers — friends, family, PT community more broadly with more time to connect and forge links and embrace this revamped assessment and event."

Stephanie Nixon
Associate Professor
Department of Physical Therapy

Group Research Poster Presentation (Physical Therapy)

Purpose: A pre-existing F2F assessment that had shifted to online for the 6-week research component of the course; a culminating activity for the PT Program

Grade: 30% of course grade

Timing: 3 mins & 5mins Q&A

Group #: 18 groups x 5-6 students

Support resources: Virtual office hours to discuss Poster plans; clear instructions on using PPT, Poster dimensions & submissions of both PPT & Pdf; Dress rehearsal in BbCollaborate

Feedback: Graded for delivery & content; rubric provided in advance; the rubric did not require any revisions from F2F to online.



Seminars & Group Discussions

An Overview

Seminars

- Synchronous
- Suited for smaller classes
- Individual to full class
- E.g., lead an article critique; engage peers in discussion and/or activities

Group Discussions

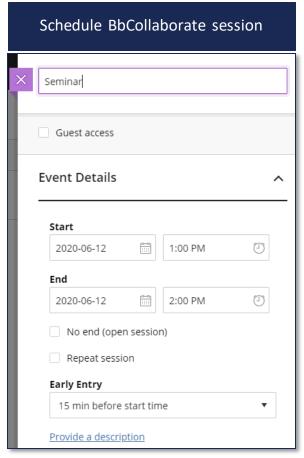
- Asynchronous
- Suited for larger classes
- Group activities using Quercus tool
- Opportunities for creativity, collaboration, and knowledge building



Synchronous Seminar

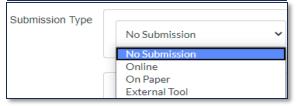
Individual presenter

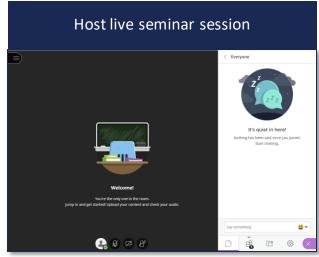
Sample rubric





Create a no-submission assignment for grading/feedback









Asynchronous

Discussion

Groups

Example discussion w/rubric

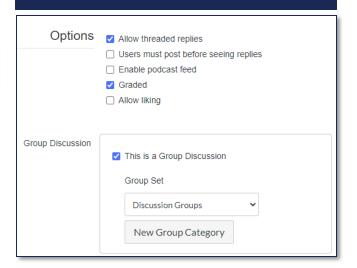
Create **Group Set**

Canvas guides: <u>How do I add a</u> group set in a course?

Add Groups

Canvas guides: How do I manually create groups in a group set?

Create **Graded Group Discussion**





Journals & ePortfolios

An Overview

Journals

- regular, written or multimedia online reflective posts that can viewed by the student and instructor
- scaffolding is important
- are often more informal

ePortfolios

- a space to demonstrate one's work through a collection of artefacts and a reflective journal, captured during the learning process
- may share work & achievements with instructors, peers, future employers



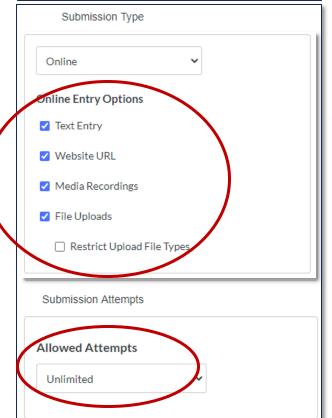




Journal using Assignments

multiple submissions to a single assignment

Journal assignment example w/ rubric



View and give feedback on stude submissions	ents'
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Submitted Files: (click to load)	
Journal Assignment Submission 1.docx	.↓.





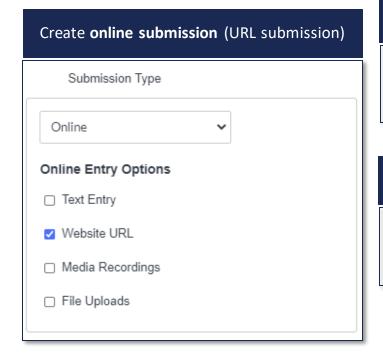
ePortfolio

set to private, URL shared in Assignments

Sample portfolio assignment

Sample rubric

Sample portfolio

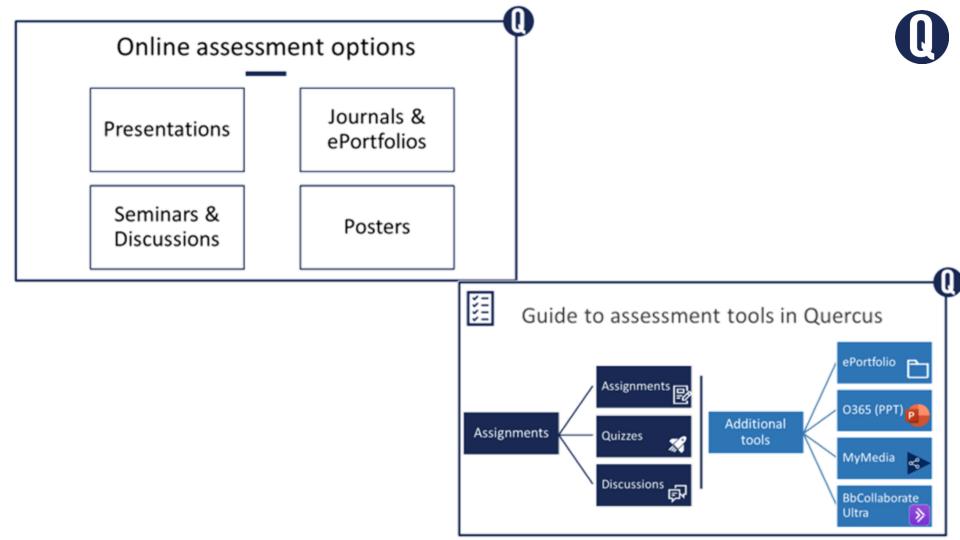


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After this webinar



Slides uoft.me/ctsi-videos



Recording uoft.me/ctsi-videos

in approx. 24 hours



Feedback Survey link via email



Tell us about...



Type answer in chat

- 1. What's one thing I learned today that I plan to try in my course(s)?
- 2. How will I share back to my colleagues, department, and division something I learned today?



Q & A
Thank you!



Quercus course templates

Downloadable Template 1



View Course

https://q.utoronto.ca/courses/81302



Download template

uoft.me/ctsi-videos

Example Remote/Online Course Template - U of T



Welcome to XYZ - Full Course Title!

This course will run fully online/remotely. To begin, I've prepared some tips and strategies, as well as some resources to help you be successful in this mode of learning. Before diving into course content, click on the "How This Course Works" button below for a module to orient yourself to this course specifically and to learning online generally.

How This Course Works

https://q.utoronto.ca/courses/46670/pages/example-courses

Assessment & Feedback: Downloadable Template 2



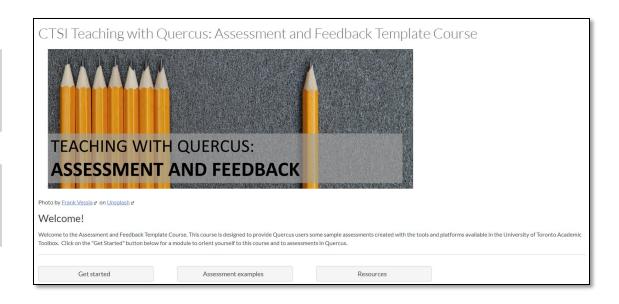
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https://q.utoronto.ca/courses/159368/



Download template (in approx. 24 hrs)

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Quercus support resources

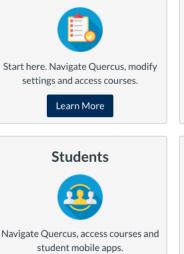
Quercus support resources



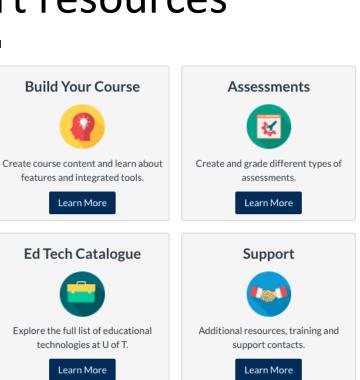
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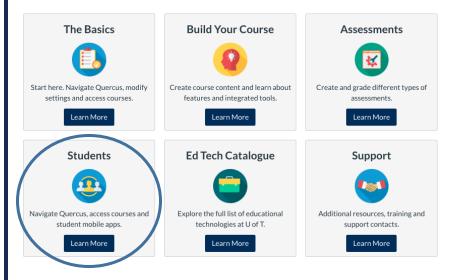




The Basics



Student support resources



- <u>Technology Requirements for</u>
 <u>Remote Teaching and</u>
 <u>Learning</u>
- Quercus Student Guide
- <u>Blackboard Collaborate</u>
 information for students

Centre for Teaching Support & Innovation

130 St. George Street, Robarts Library, 4th floor

3 Pathways for CTSI Summer Programming for Online/Remote Teaching

Choose your pathway or select from all 3!



Self-Guided

Teaching Online/Remotely Planning Guide for next term:

This resource guide explores key considerations and provides examples and how-to guides for course planning.



Webinars/Course Design Events

Synchronous and asynchronous programming to support online/remote teaching:

- Global Calendar to Support Online/Remote Teaching at the University of Toronto
- CTSI Events Calendar
- CTSI Course Design for Online (July and August, 2020 Stay tuned for details!)

ያു Connect with Experts

Schedule individual, personalized support:

- · Divisional Contacts
- Quercus Help
- CTSI Consultations

Library Liaisons

https://teaching.utoronto.ca



Academic Continuity Planning

Next Steps..

- 1. Visit the **Global Calendar** for a list of events to support Online/Remote Teaching: https://online-remote.teaching.utoronto.ca/
- 2. Sign up for the **CTSI newsletter** to stay up to date with upcoming http://eepurl.com/l8arv
- 3. View **recordings and resources** from past CTSI webinars: <u>uoft.me/ctsi-videos</u>



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If you have other questions or wish to speak	k with an individual, please contact your Divisional supp
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Upcoming events: https://teaching.utoronto.ca/events

Quercus Support Resources: https://uoft.me/qresources

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<u>Evaluating Discussion Forums for Undergraduate and Graduate Students</u>

Getting Ready for Online (Resource for Students)