

# A Student Guide to TQFRs

Thank you for taking the time to thoughtfully complete your TQFRs. Faculty and students both benefit from your feedback and suggestions. A high response rate reflects a better picture of the student experience in class, so please complete TQFRs for all of your courses!

*Check out our following tips to giving effective feedback.*

## ***TQFRs are an opportunity***

- to provide feedback to your professor and teaching assistants
- to make suggestions for improving next year's courses
- for you to make an impact at Caltech!

## ***Tips for Providing Constructive Feedback***

- Consider the whole course (not just the last few weeks)
- Focus on your learning and how that could be better facilitated by the professor and teaching assistants
- Discuss course logistics and what went smoothly and what did not
- Explain your choice of ratings on the scaled portion of the TQFRs; be specific and give examples!
- Consider that you may have unconscious biases that affect your feedback (e.g. rating people who are more similar to you more highly). We all have unconscious biases! Try using 'I' statements and being as objective as possible
- Comment on the usefulness of the course materials and assessments i.e. what helped with learning the material and what did not?

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