Distinguished Graduate Student Mentor Award

The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) translates cutting edge research to stakeholders across the state. By engaging with our stakeholders, we provide research, technology, and knowledge to support safe, sustainable, and viable agricultural practices across Ohio and the world. This important work could not be accomplished without outstanding researchers working on projects across the college.

Our graduate faculty hold an important role in this mission, training and mentoring the next generation of scientists and leaders. For this reason, the college has created an award to recognize outstanding graduate faculty mentors who teach with passion, research with integrity, and inspire our graduate students to become the leaders of tomorrow.

I. Eligibility
The competition is open to all CFAES faculty who advise graduate students. Faculty may be at any rank—Assistant, Associate, or Full—but must have a history of successfully mentoring graduate students.

II. Nomination Guidelines
The award is open to any CFAES faculty members who advise and mentor graduate students. Faculty may be at any rank (Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor)

Only one nominee per TIU Each CFAES department/school may nominate faculty members for this award. Faculty may also self-nominate for award.

Nominees will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

a. Evidence of meaningful and impactful mentoring as attested by current or former graduate students.
b. A strong placement rate of students in appropriate (academic and non-academic) settings.
c. A strong record of mentoring across multiple mission areas (research, teaching and/or Extension)
d. Service activities in support of graduate student extracurricular activities and professional development
e. Evidence of strong support of diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts for graduate students.

III. Nomination Procedure
Each nomination should be submitted electronically as a one PDF document on or before 5:00pm November 30, 2022 and contain the following materials to be considered complete. Nominations with missing materials will not be considered for awards. Nominations on behalf of a department should be the administered by the department awards committee or other appropriate committee as designated by the Department Chair.
The nomination packet must include:

a. Nomination cover page
b. Nominee CV (please ensure this includes the number of graduate students advised)
c. Completed questions about the nominee in the award nomination survey
d. A letter of nomination from the TIU Head or Graduate Studies Chair. The nomination letter should be limited to two pages in length.
e. Two (2) additional letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to one or more areas of award criteria. Letters should be limited to one page in length. At least one of these letters must be from a current or former graduate student.

IV. CFAES Awards Committee
A standing committee of faculty with broad disciplinary representation will be appointed by the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education. The Associate Dean will select the chair of the committee. The Awards Committee is responsible for reviewing nominees and selecting the winners. The target date for a final announcement of the awards is January 2023.

V. Award Presentation
Awards announcements will be made at the college’s award ceremony that has followed the Dean’s State of the College address typically taking place March 2023.

The award will consist of a plaque and $1,000 cash prize to the awardee.

VI. Submit Nominations
Submit nomination via Qualtrics. The Qualtrics nomination portal will remain mostly unchanged from last year and is available on the CFAES Faculty and Staff Affairs website: [https://cfaesfacultyandstaff.osu.edu/awards-recognition/2022-2023-cfaes-award-nominations](https://cfaesfacultyandstaff.osu.edu/awards-recognition/2022-2023-cfaes-award-nominations).

# Nomination Cover Page

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**Executive Summary** Provide a brief summary of the achievement that can be used as the awards citation if the nomination is successful.

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Checklist:

By the published deadline, this nomination must be electronically uploaded as one pdf document and contain the following materials to be considered complete. Nominations with missing documents will not be considered for awards.

________ Nomination Cover Page

________ Nominee CV

________ Letter from TIU Director or Graduate Studies Chair

________ Two letters of support from current or previous graduate students

________ Combine all documents into one PDF and submit