

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).

Each CFAES department/school may nominate faculty members for this award. Faculty may also self-nominate for this award. Only one nominee per TIU is permitted, so those who would like to self-nominate should notify their respective departments prior to the nomination deadline.

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, 2023**, 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 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. Completed questions about the nominee in the award nomination survey.
- c. Summary of nominee CV (maximum of 5 pages). This CV should be tailored to focus on aspects of graduate mentoring and include **the number of graduate students advised, graduate student placement, and any relevant student success metrics**.
 - Metrics may include but are not limited to: average time to degree (MS/PhD), number of graduate students completed, graduate courses or training offered, publications and presentations of students, undergraduate research students advised, and/or other metrics that may be specific to your discipline.
- d. Statement of mentoring philosophy (maximum 1 page). This statement should generally describe your approach to mentoring graduate-level students. Tips can be found in this resource provided by the Oregon Health and Science University:
<https://www.ohsu.edu/sites/default/files/2021-02/Creating%20a%20Mentoring%20Philosophy%20Statement%20How-To.pdf>
- e. A letter of nomination from the TIU Head or Graduate Studies Chair. The nomination letter should be limited to 2 pages in length.
- f. Two (2) additional letters of recommendation from current or former graduate students. These individuals should be able to attest to one or more areas of award criteria. Letters should be limited to 2 pages in length.

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 February 2024.

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 taking place on April 5, 2024.

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. View more information about awards, including previous winners, and submit nominations here:

<https://cfaesfacultyandstaff.osu.edu/awards-recognition/>.

You can preview the Qualtrics form here: <https://cfaesfacultyandstaff.osu.edu/>



Nomination Cover Page**2024****Distinguished Graduate Student Mentor Award**

Name, Title, Department of Nominee

Nominator/Title of Nominator

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
- _____ Summary of nominee CV focused on graduate mentoring (5 pages max)
- _____ Statement of mentoring philosophy (2 pages max)
- _____ Letter from TIU Director or Graduate Studies Chair (2 pages max)
- _____ Two letters of support from current or previous graduate students (2 pages max)
- _____ Combine all documents into **one PDF and submit**

