

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

2015 Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor Award

Sponsored by the North Carolina State University Graduate School, the Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor Award is intended to encourage and reward excellence in mentoring graduate students.

Outstanding mentors always have the best interests of their students at heart, and have as their primary goal assisting them to create a pathway to success. In addition to ensuring transparency of the graduate educational process and providing discipline-specific guidance related to research, teaching, coursework and other curricular requirements, outstanding mentors provide their mentees with:

- Access to their attention and time
- Acculturation into a particular discipline
- Continued advice and support well beyond degree completion
- Encouragement, self-confidence, and emotional support, especially when there are obstacles in the graduate educational process
- Guidance on how to prepare for a given career and honest advice when there is deviation from the best pathway to achieve that career objective
- Opportunities for professional growth (e.g., presentations, collaborative research, publication, potential additional role models, and other financial and non-financial resources)
- Prompt feedback on performance
- Support networks with colleagues to counter feelings of isolation
- Valuable knowledge from their own professional journey and life experiences

The above are just some examples that are meant to provide general guidance when completing the nomination.

Each year two awards will be given. In the odd years, the two awards will be follows: *Category I* - Social Sciences, Business and Education, and *Category II* - Biological and Life Sciences. In the even years, the two awards will be as follows: *Category I* - Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Engineering, and *Category II* - Humanities and Design.

This announcement serves as the call for the 2015 Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor Award for *Category I* in ***Social Sciences, Business and Education***, and *Category II* in ***Biological and Life Sciences***.

Submission of Nominations: To be considered for this award, nominees must be members of the [Graduate Faculty](#) at North Carolina State University. Those nominated may be at any stage of their careers. Nominations may be made only by graduate students or graduate alumni. If more than one individual wishes to nominate the same faculty member, a nomination may be prepared and submitted as a group.

To nominate a faculty member for the award, please submit a completed nomination form as a single PDF file to the attention of Dr. David Shafer, Assistant Dean of the Graduate School, at david_shafer@ncsu.edu. Please note the page limitations and formatting requirements indicated on the nomination form. The nomination deadline is **November 6, 2015**.

Awards: Two awards will be offered in 2015 in the amount of \$500 each. Winners also will receive university-wide recognition. Recipients will be selected by a committee appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School that will consist of graduate faculty with demonstrated success in mentoring.

Questions should be directed to Dr. David Shafer at david_shafer@ncsu.edu or (919) 515-4462.

**Nomination Form
2015 Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor Award**

This nomination form must be completed and submitted as a single PDF file to Dr. David Shafer (david_shafer@ncsu.edu) by November 6, 2015.

Nominee Information

Disciplinary Category (circle one): Social Sciences, Business and Education or Biological and Life Sciences

Name of Nominee: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Nominator Information

(If you are submitting a nomination as a group, please attach extra pages with the names and requested information for each nominator AND identify one nominator as the primary contact.)

Name of Nominator: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Please tell us why you are nominating this faculty member for the Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award, addressing the specific criteria (requested in the questions below) that will be used to select the finalists for this award. Limit your combined responses to **two pages**. Use standard letter-sized 8.5 x 11 paper; minimum of 11 point font; 1 inch margins; single or double spaced.

- 1) How long have you known your mentor?
- 2) In what capacity have you known your mentor?
- 3) What is the primary reason that you are nominating this faculty member for the Mentoring Award?
- 4) How has the nominee provided guidance, and why has it been excellent for you?
- 5) What has been the nominee's impact on you individually and on other students in your graduate program at NC State?
- 6) How has the nominee assisted you with preparing for your career and future advancement?
- 7) Please provide any additional comments not addressed in the previous questions that will assist the selection committee as to why this nominee should be considered.