

## THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

### 2018 Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor Award

This award is sponsored by the NC State Graduate School and is intended to encourage and reward excellence in the mentoring arena.

The award is designed to honor those outstanding mentors who are clearly devoted to the flourishing of their graduate students, and have as their primary goal assisting them to create a pathway to successful careers. In addition to providing discipline-specific guidance related to research, teaching, coursework and other curricular requirements and ensuring transparency of the graduate educational process, outstanding mentors provide their mentees with significant support as evidenced by various activities including:

- A focus of their attention and time
- Acculturation into a particular discipline
- Continued advice and support 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

Each year two awards will be given representing two of four categories. The categories are as follows: *Category I* - Social Sciences, Business and Education, *Category II* - Biological and Life Sciences *Category III* – Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences and Engineering, and *Category IV* - Humanities and Design. Awards in categories I and II will be awarded in odd years and those in III and IV will be awarded in even years.

This announcement serves as the call for the 2018 Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor Award for ***Category III – Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Engineering, and Category IV – Humanities and Design.***

**Submission of Nominations:** To be considered for this award, nominees must be members of the Graduate Faculty at NC State. Those nominated may be at any stage of their careers, although faculty with increased longevity tend to be more competitive. **Nominations may be made only by graduate students or graduate alumni.** Group nominations for the same faculty member are encouraged.

To nominate a faculty member for the award, please submit a completed nomination form as a **single PDF file** to Dr. David Shafer, Assistant Dean of the Graduate School, at [dmschafer@ncsu.edu](mailto:dmschafer@ncsu.edu). **Please note the page limitations and formatting requirements indicated on the nomination form.** The nomination deadline is **November 30, 2018.**

**Awards:** Recipients will be selected by a committee appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School consisting of Graduate Faculty with demonstrated success in graduate-student mentoring. Each awardee will receive \$1000. Winners also will receive university-wide recognition.

Questions should be directed to Dr. David Shafer at [dmschafer@ncsu.edu](mailto:dmschafer@ncsu.edu) or (919) 515-4462.

**Nomination Form  
2018 Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor Award**

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**Nominee Information**

Category (circle one): *Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences & Engineering* **OR** *Humanities & Design*

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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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## **Nomination Form 2018 Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor Award**

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 the questions below to **two pages**. If you are submitting a nomination as a group, **each** nominator may have up to **two pages** for his or her response. Use standard letter-sized 8.5 x 11 paper; minimum of 11 point font; 1 inch margins.

- 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.