

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

2022-23 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 graduate mentoring arena.

The award is designed to honor those outstanding mentors who have demonstrated a commitment to the flourishing of their graduate students and have as their primary goal preparing them for career success. In addition to providing discipline-specific guidance related to research, teaching, coursework and other curricular requirements as well as 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 during and beyond degree completion
- Providing encouragement and emotional support, and encouraging self-confidence and wellness, 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
- Promoting opportunities for professional growth (e.g., presentations, collaborative research, publication, participating in professional development activities, potential additional role models, and other financial and non-financial resources)
- Prompt feedback on performance and on products
- Build support networks with colleagues to develop a more robust mentoring network
- Shared, relevant 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.

This announcement serves as the call for the 2022-23 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. Associate and full professors with a record of successfully completing graduate students at NC State will receive highest priority for these awards.*

Nominations may be made only by graduate students or graduate alumni. Group nominations for the same faculty member are strongly encouraged. *Faculty who previously won this award are not eligible to be nominated again.* Please see attached for previous winners.

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. **Please note the page limitations and formatting requirements indicated on the nomination form.** The nomination deadline is **January 27, 2023.**

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 or (919) 515-4462.

Nomination Form 2022-23 Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor

This nomination form must be completed and submitted as a single PDF file to Dr. David Shafer (dmschafer@ncsu.edu) by **January 27, 2023**.

Nominee Information

Category (circle one): *Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences and Engineering* **or** *Humanities and Design*

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 questions within the context of the support activities mentioned above as this will be used to select the finalists for this award. Limit your combined responses to the questions below to four pages. **It is important to be specific, providing examples where possible.** Some of the sections below may require two to three paragraph responses. If you are submitting a nomination as a group, each nominator may have up to four 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 are the primary reasons that you are nominating this faculty member for the Mentor Award?
- 4) How has the nominee provided guidance, and why has it been excellent for you?
- 5) How has this nominee's mentorship had an impact on you?
- 6) What has been the nominee's impact on other students in your graduate program at NC State?
- 7) How has the nominee assisted you with preparing for your career and future advancement?
- 8) Please provide any additional comments not addressed in the previous questions that will assist the selection committee as to what makes this nominee exceptional.

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Previous Mentor Award Recipients

2015

[Alan Tonelli](#): Textile Engineering, Chemistry and Science

[Lee-Ann Jaykus](#): Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Sciences

[James Bartlett](#): Educational Leadership, Policy, and Human Development

[Gail Jones](#): Science Education

2016

[David Muddiman](#): Chemistry

[Sharon Joines](#): Industrial Design

2017

[Coby Schal](#): Entomology

[Michael Schulman](#): Agricultural and Human Sciences

2018

[Tammy Gordon](#): History

[Emily Berglund](#): Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering

2019

[Thomas Shriver](#): Sociology and Anthropology

[Marcelo Ardón](#): Forestry and Environmental Resources

2020

[Munindar Singh](#): Computer Science

[Victoria Gallagher](#): Communication

2021

[Steve McDonald](#): Sociology and Anthropology

[Lindsay Zanno](#): Biological Sciences