



UNMC Outstanding Mentor of Graduate Students Award

Selection Criteria, Eligibility, and Nomination Procedure for 2016-2017

Criteria

Because of the profound effect a mentor has on their graduate students, the **UNMC Outstanding Faculty Mentor of Graduate Students Award** exists to recognize faculty who exemplify excellence in the mentoring of graduate students at UNMC. In doing so UNMC wishes to honor these individuals as examples for other UNMC faculty to emulate.

The Outstanding Faculty Mentor of Graduate Students will exhibit characteristics including:

- Providing intellectual leadership
- Actively guiding student research and training; clearly articulating expectations and holding students to high standards
- Actively seeking support for a student's graduate study and research
- Is supportive at a both the personal and professional level and advocates for graduate students
- Accessibility for advice and assistance for his/her own students as well as other students
- Providing a good model of professionalism in all activities
- Fostering the development of talents, research skills, networking, teaching skills, presentations, and scholarly writing, including preparation of grant and fellowship applications
- Encouraging personal development both in lab and research activities as well as extra- or co-curricular activities
- Actively involving and encouraging student participation in professional conferences and publications

The Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee selects recipients for the award based on documentation that provides evidence and a record of continuous accomplishment in mentoring graduate students over a period of at least the last five years. Nominators should attempt to address each of the aforementioned characteristics when submitting an application for their mentor.



Eligibility

Individuals holding an appointment with graduate faculty status and mentoring at least one graduate student at the University of Nebraska Medical Center are eligible to be nominated for the UNMC Outstanding Faculty Mentor of Graduate Students Award.

UNMC Outstanding Faculty Mentor of Graduate Students Award recipients are ineligible to receive an Outstanding Faculty Mentor of Graduate Students Award for a period of five years after the original award date.

Nomination Procedure

Nominations may be submitted by graduate students or alumni. All nominations will be treated with strict confidentiality. **Nominations will not be accepted after March 10, 2017.**

Evidence documenting the UNMC Outstanding Faculty Mentor of Graduate Students Award must include of each of the following:

1. A letter of nomination.
2. Letters of support by graduate students mentored by the nominee
 - a. A minimum of three (3) letters are required, including the letter from the nominating student.
 - b. One of the three required letters must be from a former student who has completed graduate studies at UNMC with the nominee.
 - c. An additional two letters, for a maximum of 5, may be submitted in support of the nominee.
3. Any other supporting materials documenting the nominee's mentoring activities.
 - a. This does not include the mentor's CV.
4. On or before **March 10, 2017**, the nomination form and all materials to be considered should be **submitted electronically, in pdf format in a single file**, to the Graduate Student Association at gsapres@unmc.edu.

Incomplete nomination forms and documentation will not be considered and will be returned to the nominator. Any questions should be directed to gsapres@unmc.edu.