Provost’s Award for Faculty Excellence in Graduate Research Mentoring

The Provost’s Award for Faculty Excellence in Graduate Research Mentoring recognizes tenured faculty members who are outstanding research mentors of doctoral students and who foster intellectual, creative, scholarly, and professional growth.

General Information

Eligibility
Tenured faculty members in any discipline may be nominated for this award. Nominations of outstanding women, minorities, and members of groups historically underrepresented in their disciplines are encouraged.

Selection Criteria
Nominees should have a sustained record of mentoring doctoral students, be active in the direction of dissertations, and promote the intellectual, creative, scholarly, and professional growth of their students at the highest level.

Number of Awards
One award of $5,000 will be made annually.

Sources of Nominations
Nominations may be submitted by deans, department/program heads, promotion or award committees, or individual faculty members. Please send a letter of no more than 2,000 words explaining why the nominee’s particular contributions to research mentoring are exceptional and deserving of this honor. The letter may include quotations from current and former doctoral students, peers, and faculty with whom the nominee has co-taught.

Nominated candidates will be contacted and invited to submit a portfolio of materials for consideration by the selection committee (see attached guidelines).

Selection Process
A committee of faculty who are considered outstanding research mentors will review nomination letters and candidate portfolios and provide recommendations to the Provost, who will make the final selection. The award will be presented at UTD’s annual Celebration of Teaching Excellence.

Deadline
The nomination deadline is 5:00 pm on Friday, March 1st, 2024.
Nominations should be submitted online at: https://forms.office.com/r/4yjb99PVql

For more information, contact:
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Guidelines for Preparing Candidate Portfolios

A nomination must include a cover sheet, nominee letter, curriculum vitae, and placement information for former students. Incomplete nominations will not be reviewed.

Cover Sheet
Nominator: name, title, e-mail address, UT Dallas phone extension

Nominee: name, title, school, department/program, e-mail address, UT Dallas phone extension

Nominee Letter (no longer than 2,000 words)
The letter should describe:
• the nominee’s mentoring style
• how the nominee promotes the successful completion of students’ graduate work and degree programs
• the extent to which the nominee mentors students in teaching
• how the nominee mentors students in professional development

The letter may also describe, for example, how the nominee:
• attracts students to UT Dallas
• models an impressive record of creative productivity and associated funding
• creates a rigorous and supportive environment for scholarship, research, and/or artistic production
• maintains open lines of communication with students
• generally contributes to graduate education at UT Dallas

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Portfolios must be submitted no later than 5 pm, March 8th, 2024