

UGS Excellence Award for Mentorship of Graduate Students

2022 Graduate Student Appreciation Week, April 4 - April 8

PURPOSE

The **UGS Excellence Award for Mentorship of Graduate Students** recognizes excellence in the teaching and mentoring of graduate students outside the formal classroom experience.

PROCEDURE

There is a two-step nomination procedure for this award. **Step 1:** A faculty mentor must be nominated by a graduate student via submission of this form with an accompanying nomination letter. **Step 2:** Once nomination letters are evaluated by UGS, those faculty nominees identified as finalists will be invited by UGS to submit additional information for the second and final round of consideration.

NOMINATION DEADLINE

5:00 pm on Monday, March 7, 2022.

IDENTIFYING MENTORS

Mentors are faculty who share their knowledge and experience to enhance the scholarly, professional, and personal development of graduate students. Mentors are more than advisors. They guide students in the development of research topics, help them understand the ethical issues of their disciplines, assist them in publishing their work, introduce them to career opportunities and networks, and serve as role models providing moral, emotional, and intellectual support.

ELIGIBILITY

- Nominees must be full-time graduate faculty
- The nominee must have been employed at FIU for at least *three* academic years, including this academic year
- Winners of this award within the last two years are not eligible for nomination

CRITERIA

The following are examples of qualities and practices which can contribute to excellence in mentoring. They are listed in no particular order and a mentor need not display all these qualities:

- Encourages development of individual talents and strengths by acting as an advisor and guide in research or professional activities;
- Facilitates the acquisition of skills and resources needed to succeed as scholars or professionals;
- Provides support in administrative and professional matters, such as publishing, grant writing, presentation of research findings, and job placement;
- Demonstrates concern and support of personal development;
- Sponsors individuals in the academic/professional community;
- Is a successful role model;
- Has a long-term commitment to mentoring.

NOMINATION LETTERS

Student nominators must submit a detailed letter explaining (based on the above criteria) why they feel the nominee should receive this award. Examples must be included in the letter.

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS: Please visit the [Mentorship of Graduate Students Nomination Form](#) to submit your nomination. If you have questions regarding a nominee's eligibility, contact Claudia Balzan at cbalzan@fiu.edu.

AWARD AMOUNT

Two awards are available in the amount of \$2000.00. Recipients will be invited to attend the Recognition Reception during Graduate Student Appreciation Week on Friday, April 8, 2022.