FIU University Graduate School
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

UGS Excellence Award for *Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant*

April 16, 2026

PURPOSE

The UGS Excellence Award for Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant recognizes exceptional contributions made by a Graduate Teaching Assistant to the educational excellence of FIU. Faculty members are encouraged to nominate Graduate Teaching Assistants who exemplify outstanding teaching and mentoring.

NOMINATION DEADLINE

11:59 pm on Wednesday, February 25, 2026

ELIGIBILITY

- Nominees must be full-time, currently enrolled graduate students, fully admitted to a degree-granting program.
- Nominees must have completed a minimum of 18 graduate credit hours at the time of nomination.
- Nominations must be submitted by a faculty nominator. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

CRITERIA

Nominees will be evaluated based on letters of recommendation, student evaluations, and engagement in teaching as demonstrated by the Curriculum Vitae (CV) and teaching philosophy statement.

NOMINEE'S REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- Curriculum Vitae (CV) that includes:
    a. a list of courses taught (provide course number and title, number of students in each course and the semester during which the course was taught)
    b. professional development conferences and/or teaching seminars attended
    c. other relevant teaching experiences
- Teaching philosophy statement (2-page limit)
- 2 letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a TA supervisor
- Student evaluations from courses taught

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS: Please visit the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Nomination Form to submit your nomination.

AWARD AMOUNTS

One award is available in the amount of $2,000.00. Recipients will be invited to attend the UGS Excellence Awards Reception on Thursday, April 16, 2026.