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TO: The University Community
DATE: October 5, 2021
FROM: Andrew C. Carnie, Ph.D. 
Dean of the Graduate College
SUBJECT: Graduate Teaching and Mentoring Awards for Graduate Education
DEADLINE: January 14, 2022

Dear Graduate Faculty, Students, and Staff,

I am reaching out to invite your participation in seeking and celebrating excellence in graduate education. Annually, the Graduate College recognizes excellence in the teaching and mentoring of graduate students at the University of Arizona by selecting and presenting the Graduate Teaching and Mentoring Awards. The Graduate Teaching and Mentoring Awards are the highest honor presented by the Graduate College in recognition of distinguished graduate teaching and mentoring. One thing that I have learned over the last several years in giving this award is that when we seek excellence, we find it. When we recognize, appreciate, and value excellence in graduate teaching and mentoring, we create the structures and expectations for excellence. As a member of our graduate community, you are uniquely positioned to identify instructors and mentors who excel in their teaching and mentoring of graduate and professional students. Therefore, I seek your help in recognizing and celebrating achievements in graduate education by nominating instructors and mentors who truly stand out as teachers and mentors.

Award Details and Eligibility Criteria

The Graduate College presents two awards for excellence in graduate teaching and mentorship. Each winner receives a check for \$2,500.00, a medallion, and a plaque. Awardees are also invited as honored guests to attend an Awards of Distinction Ceremony hosted by the Office of the Provost.

Tenure-track, tenured, and non-tenure eligible faculty who demonstrate a long-standing commitment to graduate education are eligible. Candidates may be nominated by graduate students, staff, faculty members, department heads, graduate program directors, or deans.

A committee of faculty members and university professionals will review the nomination packets and make their recommendations to the Dean of the Graduate College. Reviewers will look for evidence of excellence in both teaching and mentoring of graduate students.

For the nomination packet, please include a single PDF containing:

- A nomination letter, specifically addressing the candidate's qualifications for the award. The letter should provide specific examples that demonstrate the exceptional quality of both graduate *teaching* and *mentoring* by the nominee. There may be multiple signatures on the nomination letter.
- A current curriculum vitae for the nominee.
- A list of graduate courses taught within the last three years at the University of Arizona.
- A list of graduate student committees and advisees, as well as service on committees directly related to graduate education (e.g., Graduate Committees, Graduate Council, Graduate Admissions, etc.).
- Evidence of diversity and inclusion in graduate teaching and mentorship.
- Letters of support with at least two letters from graduate students.

All nomination packets are due on Friday, January 14, 2022 by 5pm (Tucson) and should be submitted using our online form which can be found at: <https://grad.arizona.edu/forms/teachmentor>.

For questions regarding submission please contact Lori D'Anna, ldanna@email.arizona.edu, 520-621-7815.

For questions regarding the award or content of the nomination packet please contact Maggie Pitts, Ph.D., Associate Dean, mjpitts@email.arizona.edu