

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS DOCTORAL MENTORING AWARD 2012

Deadline for Receipt November 1, 2011

AWARD

Each year, one outstanding faculty member will be recognized by the Office of Graduate Studies with a Doctoral Mentoring Award. Each college may nominate one faculty member. The Award recipient will receive \$4,000. The Award will be presented at the Annual Faculty Recognition and Awards ceremony in the first week of May, in conjunction with other University-wide awards.

TIMETABLE FOR NOMINATION AND SELECTION

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| November 1, 2011 | Deadline for receipt of nomination letter to the faculty member's department chair/supervisor. Chair /supervisor certifies eligibility of the faculty member for the award prior to sending to the college coordinator. |
| November 17, 2011 | Deadline for receipt of nomination to the college coordinator. |
| February 15, 2012 | Deadline for nominee's packet to the college nomination coordinator : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum Vitae • Work done for/in collaboration with mentees • Essay • letters of support from graduated students • Letter of support from chair of department • Endorsement by college dean |
| March 31, 2012 | Deadline for nominating one faculty by each college to the Office of Graduate Studies (OGS). OGS will coordinate the review of nominations packets with the university review committee which is made-up of the six graduate associate deans. |
| April 15, 2012 | Selection of Awardee |
| May 2012 | Award announced and presented at the Annual Faculty Recognition & Awards Ceremony |

ELIGIBILITY & NOMINATION CRITERIA

The relationship between a graduate student and a faculty mentor is one that can have a profound and lifelong influence on both parties. At its best, this mentoring relationship inspires and gives confidence to the student while providing the faculty member with a valued colleague. The following are the eligibility requirements for this award:

1. Only current graduate faculty, tenured or tenure-track, who supervise doctoral students are eligible.
2. The nominee from each college must be currently supporting graduate education through teaching, service on graduate committees and sponsorship of student research.
3. The nominee must have graduated and served as chair or co-chair of at least one doctoral student during the preceding academic year (FA, SP, SU) OR must have graduated and chaired or co-chaired at least two students with dissertations in the past five years.

4. Nominations will be accepted from current or former graduate students, faculty members, department chairs, graduate program directors, advisors and administrators. Individual faculty members may nominate themselves.
5. Individuals who have received a Doctoral Mentoring Award during the previous five years are not eligible.
6. The application packet must include a letter of support from the department chair and college dean.

Letters of nomination must address the following categories and criteria that will be used in evaluating nominees:

1. **Intellectual Leadership**

- a. Guides students in acquiring mastery of a current body of knowledge, development of critical and creative thinking, communication and multidisciplinary approaches to solving problems.
- b. Actively guides students' research and academic training; clearly articulates expectations and holds students and self to high standards.
- c. Actively involves students in professional conferences, presentations, publications and juried exhibitions.

2. **Supportive Environment**

- a. Actively seeks financial support for students' graduate study and research.
- b. Is accessible for advice and assistance, whether student is in residence, on leave, is or is not 'one of theirs'.
- c. Helps students to overcome problems, discord, and barriers

3. **Professional Development**

- a. Provides good model of professionalism.
- b. Helps students 'network' with other relevant professionals and faculty.
- c. Assists students in career preparation as well as alerts students to career opportunities; helps students secure post-degree employment.

Graduate students, faculty and administrators are invited to submit nominations electronically to the [chair of the faculty member's department](#) by November 1, 2011. For further information, please reference the Office of Graduate Studies website at <http://www.odu.edu/ao/gradstudies/> under Awards section.