

University of New Hampshire

Graduate Faculty Mentor Award 2011-2012

Each January, the Graduate School will solicit nominations for the Graduate Faculty Mentor Award.

Purpose of the award: This award is designed to honor a faculty member whose commitment to excellence in graduate student training has contributed significantly to graduate students' professional development.

Eligibility: The nominee must be a member of the graduate faculty and must have a sustained commitment to graduate education.

Nomination Process: *A formal letter of nomination is required and may be submitted by current or former graduate students or from members of the graduate faculty.* The relevant qualities and attributes of the nominee's mentorship according to the criteria of the award should be included in the letter.

Selection Process: Initial Applications are due by midnight February 10th 2012. Email nomination materials to grad.deansoffice@unh.edu with the following subject heading: GFMA Nominee: Last Name, First Name (example: GFMA Nominee: Smith, Jane). Nomination materials must be received by midnight February 10th, 2012 to be reviewed and considered for nomination of the award. The Student Affairs Committee of the Graduate Council will review all eligible nominations. The committee will identify

3 -5 finalists from among those nominated. The nominator will then be contacted and asked to provide the names of 2 or 3 graduate students or alums who will then be contacted to provide additional letters of support. A letter of recommendation will also be solicited from the chair of the appropriate graduate program. In the event the chair is the nominee, a senior faculty member in the program will be asked to write a letter. It is anticipated that the award winner will be selected by **Monday, March 26th, 2012.**

Selection Criteria: The sole criterion for these awards is outstanding mentoring, which comes in many forms. The following are examples of the qualities and practices that can contribute to good mentoring. These criteria are listed in no particular order of importance, and a mentor need not display all of these qualities:

- Fosters the long-term development from student to colleague
- Encourages students to develop individual talents and strengths by acting as an advisor and guide in research and scholarship
- Facilitates students in acquiring the tools needed to succeed as scholars and professionals
- Sponsors students and their work in and beyond the campus community, including supporting student attendance and participation at conferences
- Acts as an advocate in administrative and professional matters, such as publishing, grant writing, presentation of research findings, post-doctoral options and job placement
- Demonstrates respect and a sincere and active interest in the well-being of students

Award: The recipient is announced during Graduate Student Appreciation Week each spring and receives the award at the Faculty Excellence Awards dinner in the fall. The recipient will receive a certificate of distinction and a monetary prize of \$2,000.

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Graduate Faculty Mentor Award Nomination Form

Deadline midnight February 10th, 2012

Please review the selection process for instructions.

Name of Nominee _____

Nominee's Rank (i.e. Professor, Associate Professor) _____

Nominee's email address _____

Nominee's phone number _____

Nominee's campus address _____

Nominated by _____

Nominator's email address _____

Nominator's phone number _____

Nominator's campus Address _____

Email this form along with the completed nomination packet to grad.deansoffice@unh.edu by **midnight**

February 10th 2012.