

University of New Hampshire

Graduate Student Teaching Award 2011-2012

Each January the Graduate School will solicit nominations for the Graduate Student Teaching Awards. Up to four awards are made annually (2 for master's students and 2 for doctoral students).

Purpose of Award: Graduate Teaching Assistants contribute significantly to the teaching mission of the University. These awards are designed to recognize graduate students who have demonstrated excellence in teaching.

Eligibility: Graduate students who are actively pursuing a degree in one of the graduate programs within the Graduate School, and who have taught or played a significant instructional support role in one or more classes during the previous calendar year, are eligible for nomination. The award may only be received once at each level (master's or doctoral) of a graduate student's career.

Nomination process: Each department may nominate *1 student TA for every 10 TA's* in the department. Departments may determine their own procedures for selecting nominees. We encourage departments to solicit information from both faculty and graduate students in choosing their nominees.

The following materials must be included with each nomination:

- A one-page nomination form provided by the Graduate School below.
- Letter of nomination from department chairperson or graduate program coordinator.
- Letters of support from either two faculty members or one faculty member and one other individual who have direct knowledge of the nominee's teaching. *It is important that the letters be more than testimonials, and that they address, with specific examples, the nominees teaching creativity, dedication, and excellence.*
- One-page Statement on Teaching Philosophy from the nominee.
- Student evaluation synopsis (**two page limit**) of both numerical evaluation and comments.

Selection Process: Applications are due by midnight February 10th 2012. Email the completed packet to grad.deansoffice.docs@unh.edu with the following subject heading: GSTA Nominee: Last Name, FirstName (example: GSTA Nominee: Smith, Jane). All packets 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 choose awardees based on nominations and submitted dossiers.

Selection Criteria: The committee will select awardees based on the following criteria:

- enthusiasm for teaching and learning
- mastery of subject area
- effectiveness in communicating subject to students
- continuous growth as a TA through use of creative and innovative teaching techniques
- overall effectiveness as a TA

Award: All nominees will be recognized at a public awards ceremony held during Graduate Student Appreciation Week and will receive a commemorative certificate. Award winners will also receive a monetary prize of \$500.

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**Graduate Student Teaching Award
Nomination Form**

Please review the selection process for instructions.

Name of Nominee _____

Major _____ **Degree received:** **Masters** **Ph.D.**

Nominee's email address _____

Nominee's phone number _____

Nominee's mailing 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 10th2012.