



The University of Georgia

The Graduate School

2012 Graduate School Outstanding Mentoring Award

The **Graduate School Outstanding Mentoring Award** recognizes excellence in a variety of mentoring functions. This award encourages and rewards innovation and effectiveness in mentoring graduate students during their educational experience. A broad definition of a mentor is:

Mentors are advisors, those with career experience willing to share their knowledge to enhance the professional and personal development of a protégé. They provide both emotional and moral support and encouragement through career related counseling and coaching. Mentors provide specific feedback on one's performance. They enhance access to career related information and exposure to various professional resources, opportunities, networks, and other role models. These actions promote the protégé's sense of competence and confidence.

In 2012, two awards will be given, one **Professional/Applied Sciences** and one in **Social/Behavioral Sciences** (awards given even years). Awards in Humanities/Fine and Applied Arts and in Life/Physical Sciences are given in odd years. Each award will be for \$500.

Nominees must be current members of the Graduate Faculty at the University of Georgia. Only individuals who have not previously received the award are eligible. Recipients will be selected by a committee of graduate faculty appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School.

The following criteria are intended as general guidelines for nominating faculty members:

- Excellent research guidance
- Positive impact on students individually and as a group
- Assistance in career decision-making and advancement

Nominations may only be made by graduate students and all nomination materials must be prepared by the graduate students. If more than one student wishes to nominate the same faculty member, you may prepare one nomination form and letter as a group.

To nominate a faculty member for the award, download the nomination form from the Graduate School website, <http://www.grad.uga.edu/mentor.pdf>. Complete all sections of the form** including:

- (1) Nomination form with all information requested**
- (2) Letter of nomination written by the student(s)

To submit the completed nomination form:

- name and save the .pdf form** with last name of nominee, name of department, and area in which nominee should be evaluated (e.g., milton_gradschool_humanities.pdf), and
- email the form to gmentor@uga.edu.

Nomination deadline: Friday, November 4, 2011, 5:00 pm

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Milton, 706-425-2953 or jmilton@uga.edu

** To save information in the nomination form, you will need to use Adobe Acrobat Professional, available on computers in university technology labs, on some computers in departmental labs, and on computers at the Graduate School.

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The following form must be completed and submitted with your letter of nomination. Based on the information provided below, and after review of your letter of nomination, the awards committee will contact the appropriate unit head and request a dossier be prepared and submitted for consideration of selected faculty members.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINEE:

Name of Nominee: _____

Title: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Campus Address: _____

Home Unit: _____

Unit Head and Title: _____

(Dept. Chair, Program Director, etc.)

Campus Address: _____

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINATOR:

Name: _____

Program Enrolled: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Check the designated area* in which you are nominating this person?

Professional/Applied Sciences Social/Behavioral Sciences

How long and in what capacity have you known your mentor?

*Two awards will be given in 2012, one in *Professional/Applied Sciences* and one in *Social/Behavioral Sciences*. Awards in *Humanities/Fine and Applied Arts* and *Life and Physical/Sciences* will be given in 2013.

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NOMINATION LETTER

Please tell us why you are nominating this faculty member for the Graduate School Outstanding Mentoring Award, addressing the specific criteria (requested in the questions below) that will be used to select the finalists for the award.

What is the primary reason that you are nominating this faculty member for the Mentoring Award (in one or two sentences)?

How has the nominee provided research guidance and why it has been excellent for you?

What has been the nominee's impact on you individually and on other students in your program and at UGA?

How has the nominee helped you with preparing and planning for your career and future advancement?

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NOMINATION LETTER**

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