



The University of Georgia

The Graduate School

2008 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 through their graduate programs. 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 2008, two awards will be given in **Professional and Applied Sciences and/or Social and Behavioral Sciences** (awards given in even years). Awards in Humanities and Fine and Applied Arts and/or Life and Physical Sciences will be 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.

The following criteria are intended as general guidelines to help in determining nominees:

- Excellent research guidance
- Impact on students individually and as a group
- Preparation for career decision-making and advancement

Nominations may only be made by graduate students and all nomination materials must be prepared by the graduate student. If more than one student wishes to nominate the same faculty member, please prepare nomination materials jointly and submit one folder, if possible.

To nominate a faculty member for the award, please prepare a folder with these materials:

- (1) Nomination form (see below) with all information provided.
- (2) Letter of nomination written by the student.

Material must be submitted in a manila folder with the following on the tab:

- Name of the Faculty Member (Last name, First name)
- Unit Name

Nomination deadline: November 16, 2007

Send one folder with the nomination form and letter to:

Dean Maureen Grasso
Graduate School
320 E. Clayton Street, Suite 400
Campus

If you have any questions, please contact Jane Berko, 706-425-2952 or janeb@uga.edu
This information and nomination form can also be downloaded from the Graduate School website: <http://www.uga.edu/gradschool/mentor.pdf>

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NOMINATION FORM

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.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINEE:

Nominee: _____

Title: _____

Campus Address: _____

Home Unit: _____

Unit Head and Title: _____

(Dept. Chair, Program Director...)

Campus Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINATOR:

Name: _____

Program Enrolled: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

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

Professional and Applied Sciences Social and Behavioral Sciences

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

**Two awards will be given each year, one in each of the designated areas for that year (Professional and Applied Sciences - Awarded Even Years, Social and Behavioral Sciences - Awarded Even Years, Humanities and Fine and Applied Arts - Awarded Odd Years, Life and Physical Sciences - Awarded Odd Years)*