



**UNIVERSITY OF  
GEORGIA**  
Graduate School

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**  
**2026 Graduate School Outstanding Mentoring Award**  
**Nominations due Thursday, November 20, 2025**

The Graduate School is soliciting nominations for the Outstanding Mentoring Award. This award recognizes excellence in mentoring graduate students at the University of Georgia. In 2026\* one award will be given to a faculty member in Social/Behavioral Sciences and one in Professional/Applied Sciences. Nominees will be evaluated based on [CSGS criteria](#) of facilitating student development and success in one or more of the following ways:

- Reputation for facilitating student learning by making complex ideas understandable and meaningful to students.
- Establishment and maintenance of high academic standards.
- Positive role modeling as a professional, with personal integrity, high ethical standards, and achievable standards for personal excellence.
- Consistent and ongoing guidance of students regarding resources within and outside the university, conflict resolution, and advocacy for completion of the program of study in a timely manner.
- Substantial influence on the academic and professional pursuits of students that may include funded research, co-authorship on publications, and co-presentations at national or international conferences.
- Demonstrated and continuing success as a mentor over a significant portion of the candidate's career.

Awardees will receive \$500 and will be recognized at the 2026 Graduate School Honors Week event.

**Eligibility:** Nominees must be current members of University of Georgia's graduate faculty who have successfully mentored graduate students at the master's and/or doctoral level. Prior recipients of the award are not eligible.

**Nomination materials** (combined into a single document or PDF):

- Cover page including nominee's name, title, department/unit
- Nominating letter from department head/unit director summarizing nominee's qualifications (limit 2 pages)
- One letter of support (limit 2 pages) from a faculty colleague

- One letter of support (limit 2 pages) from **former** (not currently enrolled) graduate student(s). A co-authored letter by more than one former student is permissible.
- Curriculum vitae (abbreviated is fine) that includes mentorship/advising of graduate students

**Submission Deadline:** Nomination materials are due by **Thursday, November 20, 2025**.

**To submit the nomination**, faculty or staff may go to this direct link in the Administrative Portal for the fillable form and document upload:

[https://gradapply.uga.edu/register/mentor\\_nomination2026](https://gradapply.uga.edu/register/mentor_nomination2026)

**More Information:** Email us at [gradawards@uga.edu](mailto:gradawards@uga.edu) with questions.

\*Awards are given to faculty in Humanities/Fine Arts and Life/Physical Sciences in odd-numbered years and to faculty in Social/Behavioral Science and Professional/Applied Sciences in even-numbered years.