

2025-2026 Vice Provost's Award for Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor

Criteria

- ✓ Current graduate faculty member on the West Lafayette campus
- ✓ From any college
- ✓ Nominees must demonstrate sustained and significant contributions to graduate education *at Purdue University* through activities such as the following:
 - Well-structured relationships with students that lead to successful completion of masters and doctoral degrees. These relationships include service on committees, mentoring, funding, intellectual and creative support, advocacy, and respect for students.
 - Innovative graduate teaching.
 - Significant administration of graduate programs.

Process

- One award of \$2,500 will be given.
- Nominations requested during spring semester with an awards reception at the end of the term.
- Nominating documents are limited to 5 pages, exclusive of the CV and support letters, and include (assembled in the order indicated):
 - The attached cover sheet with nominee's contact information and contact information for the nominator.
 - Three letters of support: one from the nominator who is currently affiliated with Purdue University (this could include a dean, department head, faculty member, or graduate student), and two from FORMER students (~1 page each).
 - Nominee's reflection (written in first person) on involvement in various aspects of graduate education (1-2 pages); this section should be written by the nominee and include, but not be limited to, innovations in graduate mentoring and graduate administrative service.
 - CV (include education; Purdue position; graduate courses taught; significant publications [indicate publications co-authored with graduate students by highlighting graduate student(s) name]).
 - List of past masters and doctoral students for whom the nominee served as major professor and their current positions if available (1-2 pages).
- Nomination process:
 - Nominations should be forwarded to Lori Miller, Executive Assistant at OGSPS (mill2071@purdue.edu) by the assistant/associate dean for graduate education in each college.
 - The nomination process at the college level should include input from graduate faculty and graduate students. Each college will select one nominee to forward to the Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars (OGSPS) as a finalist.
 - The recipient will be determined from college nominees by a committee composed of graduate faculty, and two graduate students (selected by the president of the Purdue Graduate Student Government).
- Time line:
 - Nominations must be received by OGSPS by Friday, February 13, 2026.

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Nominee Contact Information:

Name	
Title	
Department/School	
Department Head	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Nominator Contact Information:

Name	
Title	
Department/School	
Building	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

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