

# OFFICE OF THE VICE PROVOST FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS

## EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

The Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars (OGSPS) will award three Graduate Teaching Assistants with the OGSPS *Excellence in Teaching Award* at the annual awards reception to be held on Thursday, April 23, 2026. Each recipient will receive a plaque and \$1000.00.

One nomination is welcome from each college and each college may have their own deadlines and selection rubric to determine its nominee. It is imperative to check with your college for specific guidelines. Nominations must then be submitted electronically using the application format attached to Lori Miller, Executive Assistant (mill2071@purdue.edu) by Friday, March 6. Questions may be directed to Lori Miller at mill2071@purdue.edu or 49-62775.

Eligibility requirements for a *OGSPS Excellence in Teaching Award* are the following:

- Applicant must be registered as full-time graduate student (enrolled for eight credits or more) during the Spring 2026 semester.
- Applicant must have served as a Graduate Teaching Assistant for at least two sessions during their Purdue graduate program.
- Previous recipients of the OGSPS Excellence in Teaching Award are not eligible. (See website for a list of past recipients).

\*Note that the 2026 OGSPS Excellence in Teaching Award program is being conducted independently from other Teaching Academy awards and the Center for Instructional Excellence. It is not a requirement, as in past years, that eligibility is limited to graduate students who have received the Teaching Academy *Graduate Teaching Award*.

Please address the following items, in the order listed below, in the application. While you are not limited to the items listed, any additional information is subject to the four (4) page limit. This 4-page limit does not include the required Nomination Cover Sheet.

**Application:** Please limit the application to four (4) pages, 12 pt. Times Roman, 1.5-line spacing.

- Evidence/Examples of Excellence in Teaching (including, but not limited to)
  - Statement of Teaching Philosophy
  - Courses Taught and Number of Students (if known)
  - Course Responsibilities
  - Instructional Materials Developed (for example, laboratory exercises, online guides, etc.)
  - Student Evaluations/Comments
- Evidence/Examples of Excellence in Student/Colleague Mentoring
- Professional Development and Engagement/Service Activities Focused on Teaching (including, but not limited to)
  - Professional Development Events (facilitated or participated in on or off campus)
  - Publications and Presentations
  - Engagement Activities at the Professional, University, and Community Level
- List of Awards and Honors

NOMINATION COVER SHEET

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Name\_\_\_\_\_ Degree Objective\_\_\_\_\_

Department\_\_\_\_\_ College/School\_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by:

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Assistant/Associate Dean, Academic College