



East Carolina University Graduate School

Distinguished Faculty Mentor Award Nomination Form

Please review nomination criteria (scroll down) prior to completing the nomination form.

Nominee Name:	Nominee Phone:	Nominee Department:
	Nominee Email:	Nominee's # of years on faculty:
Nominator Name:	Nominator Phone:	Nominator Department:
	Nominator Email:	
<p>Indicate appropriate program award:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Master's</p>		
<p>Nomination Statement (review the eligibility and nomination criteria noted below): Attach a brief statement (500 words or less) detailing why you are nominating this person. Briefly highlight her/his qualifications and contributions. Attach the nominee's curriculum vitae (5 page maximum).</p>		
<p>Nominee's Statement: Attach a brief statement (500 words or less) about the significance of mentoring in his/her role as a graduate faculty member.</p>		
<p>Support Letters: List names and contact information for the two individuals who will provide letters of support for your nominee (one may be the nominator completing this form). One letter must be from an ECU student or alum. Please inform these individuals that letters of support will be due on March 1, 2013. They should be submitted (detail manner or address here).</p>		
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Eligibility and Nomination Criteria

Nominator Eligibility:

A nomination statement (500 word) in addition to a minimum of two letter of support from a current student, alum, OR departmental colleague (graduate director, chair, or colleague) is required. Minimum of two individuals per nomination-one must be a student (current or alum). Appropriate Graduate Director or Department Chair will assist nominators in the nomination process, if needed.

Nominee Eligibility:

Individuals with full-time faculty status and graduate faculty status are eligible. This will include fixed-term faculty members who have active mentoring roles.

Nominee Ineligibility:

Recipients of an ECU Distinguished Faculty Mentor Award, within the past five years, are not eligible.

Additional Particulars:

Document nominee's mentoring, with an emphasis on the past 5 years. Highlight particular areas and/or points with specific supporting evidence/examples.

Contents of Application Requirements:

A nomination statement (500 words), nominee's curriculum vitae (5 page limit), nominee's statement about significance of mentoring in his/her own words (500 words), 2 letters of support from students and/or 1 from a departmental colleague (500 words). Designate points/traits that should be addressed.

Number of Award Winners:

At least one Master's and one Doctoral award per year, unless the applications submitted do not warrant. (Based on nominations, if applications are not submitted in both categories, both winners can come from one category).

Important Dates:

Applications due March 1, 2013. Award winners will be announced during Research and Creative Achievement Week (April).

Award Compensation:

Compensation for this award must be used for professional expenses (must follow state guidelines). \$2,000 award per winner.

Award Sponsor:

ECU's Office of Research and Graduate Studies will fund the award..

Can Applications on File Be Reactivated?

Yes, applications can be reactivated by a nominee during future years.

Who Selects the Winners?

The Distinguished Faculty Mentor Award Ad-hoc Committee will make the selections for the 2012-2013 year, with selections approved by the Graduate Council or Graduate Council Executive Committee.

ECU Distinguished Graduate Faculty Mentor Award description/criteria:

Given the broad array of characteristics describing exemplary mentorship across multiple disciplines, no single set of criteria can adequately describe Distinguished Graduate Faculty Mentor Award nominees at East Carolina University. Those nominating candidates for these awards are encouraged to consider traditional, innovative, as well as, unique ways in which faculty members have mentored graduate students. **Examples** of mentoring contributions that might be demonstrated by deserving candidates for Distinguished Graduate Faculty Mentor Awards include, but are not limited to:

- Promoting intellectual growth through excellence and innovation in teaching, mentoring, advising, and dissertation/thesis direction, including the development of interdisciplinary or non-traditional initiatives.
- Providing opportunities for students to pursue independent research interests by offering students effective direction, evaluation, guidance, and feedback on their research and creative activity.
- Promoting the development of interpersonal skills necessary for professional success and encouraging such interactions.
- Fostering the development of graduate students' communication skills in written, oral, and multimedia presentations in activities, meetings, symposia, etc. inside and outside of the university.
- Familiarizing students with the culture of their own and related disciplines, as well as facilitating their networking with professionals in their field.
- Being accessible to students for discussion of intellectual or professional questions, thereby promoting a climate of respect and collegiality that enhances the graduate experience and increases chances of success.
- Providing career counseling and placement assistance, including possibilities outside of the university.