

2017 GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE AWARD CATEGORIES

Only faculty and staff can nominate students for the following awards. If you wish to be considered, please have them email Dr. Ferlin McGaskey (fmcgaske@utk.edu) by Thursday April 6th (noon).

Award: Excellence in Graduate Research

Description: Graduate Student (Masters, Ph.D or Professional) who have received national and/or international recognition in their fields and show professional promise in their areas of research and creative achievement.

Eligibility: Must be masters, doctoral or professional student

Nomination Procedure: Faculty or staff must nominate student.

Deadline: Thursday April (noon)

Award: Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching

Description: Given to graduate teaching assistants for extraordinary performance in teaching

Eligibility: Any graduate or professional student who currently serves as a graduate teaching assistant or graduate teaching associate.

Nomination Procedure: Faculty or staff must nominate student.

Deadline: Thursday April (noon)

Award: Excellence in Campus Leadership

Description: Graduate students who are extraordinary campus leaders

Eligibility: Open to any masters, doctoral or professional student.

Nomination Procedure: Faculty or staff must nominate student.

Deadline: Thursday April (noon)

Award: Excellence in Community Service

Description: Graduate students who participate in service learning and other community initiatives.

Eligibility: Open to any masters, doctoral or professional student.

Nomination Procedure: Faculty or staff must nominate student.

Deadline: Thursday April (noon)

Award: Excellence in University Service

Description: Graduate students who are extraordinary graduate assistant who provide exemplary service to the campus through their work with units, offices, and centers.

Eligibility: any graduate professional student currently serving as a graduate assistant

Nomination Procedure: Faculty or staff must nominate student.

Deadline: Thursday April (noon)

*All graduate/professional students, faculty and staff can submit nomination for these awards. If you any questions, please contact Graduate Student Senate VP Tam'ra-Kay Francis (gss2@utk.edu) The deadline for these awards is **Monday April 10th (noon)**.*

Graduate Student Organization of the Year

Description: recognizes an active registered graduate and professional student organization and their extraordinary contributions to graduate student life. This award is specific for student organizations that provide programming or resources to graduate/professional students across campus departments.

Eligibility: All registered active graduate and professional student organizations

Nomination Procedure: Any graduate or professional student can nominate/self-nominate

Nomination Link: [Nominations Form](#)

Deadline: Monday April 10th (noon)

Graduate Program Student Organization of the Year

Description: recognizes graduate and professional student organizations/councils and their extraordinary contributions to their academic department. This award is specific for a student organization in a graduate/professional department or interdisciplinary program.

Eligibility: All graduate and professional department student organizations or councils

Nomination Procedure: Any graduate or professional student can nominate/self-nominate

Nomination Link: [Nominations Form](#)

Deadline: Monday April 10th (noon)

Graduate Research Mentor of the Year

Description: recognizes a faculty or staff member who has shown outstanding commitment to mentoring graduate research students.

Eligibility: all faculty and staff

Nomination Procedure: Any graduate or professional student can nominate/self-nominate

Nomination Link: [Nominations Form](#)

Deadline: Monday April 10th (noon)

Graduate Director of the Year

Description: recognizes a director of Graduate Studies who has shown outstanding commitment to mentoring and leading graduate students in their department.

Eligibility: All graduate and professional degree programs

Nomination Procedure: Any graduate or professional student can nominate/self-nominate

Nomination Link: [Nominations Form](#)

Deadline: Monday April 10th (noon)

Preparing the Professoriate Graduate Program of the Year

Description: This award recognizes units that promote innovative professional development for graduate instructors

Eligibility: All graduate and professional degree programs

Nomination Procedure: Any graduate or professional student can nominate/self-nominate

Nomination Link: [Nominations Form](#)

Deadline: Monday April 10th (noon)

Excellence in Customer Service

Description: This award recognizes campus units that provide extraordinary customer service to graduate and professional students

Eligibility: Any non-academic program or unit

Nomination Procedure: Any graduate or professional student can nominate/self-nominate

Nomination Link: [Nominations Form](#)

Deadline: Monday April 10th (noon)

GSS Staff of the Year

Description: This award recognizes University of Tennessee staff who go beyond their required job duties to ensure that graduate students feel welcome and matriculate successfully.

Eligibility: All full-time staff are eligible for this award

Nomination Procedure: Any graduate or professional student can nominate/self-nominate

Nomination Link: [Nominations Form](#)

Deadline: Monday April 10th (noon)

Graduate Student Senate Outstanding Contribution

Description: This award recognizes graduate student senators who go beyond their regular duties to serve and promote the mission of the graduate student senate.

Eligibility: Only current graduate student senators are eligible for this award

Nomination Procedure: Any graduate or professional student can nominate/self-nominate

Nomination Link: [Nominations Form](#)

Deadline: Monday April 10th (noon)

Do not forget to RSVP to the breakfast on April 13th! Our new Chancellor wants to meet you! This year we will be celebrating in the Tennessee Terrace (Skybox) in Neyland! ALL graduate and professional students are welcome. Please [RSVP For the Ceremony Here](#)