



Graduate & Professional Student Association

GPSA Outstanding Mentor Award

The purpose of the GPSA Outstanding Mentor Award is to acknowledge UNLV faculty who have demonstrated continued success in preparing graduate and professional students for academia. Each academic year, the GPSA recognizes up to three faculty providing outstanding research/teaching mentorship.

Full-time, tenure/ tenure track faculty from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas along with mentors are eligible for consideration. **Individuals can self-nominate.**

Application Deadline: December 6

Process

Checklist/coversheet for GPSA Awards **must be attached to each nomination.**

Notification is sent annually by the GPSA to each campus department (late fall semester).

Nominations: Currently enrolled UNLV graduate and professional students may nominate current full-time, tenure track faculty members for this award. Each nomination application is to be regarded separate and unique; duplicate or closely worded recommendation letters will be invalidated. Each nomination must contain, and is limited to, the following:

- A formal letter of nomination from at least one currently enrolled graduate or professional student, using the guidelines noted under criteria
- Curriculum Vitae (optional, but encouraged) containing a listing of scholarly activity, leadership/service activities, awards, and honors of nominee

Selection Timeline (All GPSA Awards):

- Awards Committee formed: September (1 year term)
- All award nominations distributed to Awards Committee: December Council Meeting
- Awards Committee evaluates all nominations: end of January
- Awards Committee recommends recipients to the GPSA Executive Board: by January 30th
- Awardees will be recognized at the annual spring Research Forum. Please check website for the forum date: <http://gpsa.unlv.edu/forum/>

Composition of the GPSA Awards Committee:

- GPSA department representatives must be appointed members of the GPSA Council, each representing separate colleges. In cases where the nominee is from the same department as a selection committee member, the chairperson will vote in lieu of that committee member.
- A non-voting (except in cases of tie decisions or conflict of interest) chairperson, a member from the GPSA Executive Board.

Criteria:

Letter of Nomination:

- The signed and dated nomination letter must clearly delineate how the nominee has demonstrated continued success in preparing graduate and professional students for academia. The letter should be written in such a way as to distinguish the nominee's activities from other faculty.
- The letter of nomination must address the nominee's contribution in terms of long term value to the UNLV graduate and professional student body. **Additional letters of support are encouraged, but not required.**

****Please note:** These are competitive GPSA Awards. Incomplete applications will not be considered.