

2016 CALS Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award Spring 2016

Nomination Instructions and Materials

General Information

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences awards an Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award annually. The award recognizes teaching excellence by graduate faculty in the College. Criteria for selection will include evidence of teaching effectiveness, academic scholarship, dedication, and enthusiasm for professional development.

Eligibility

Nominees must be CALS instructors and must have taught at least two semesters at NC State University.

Selection of Recipients

Selection of award recipients will be completed by the CALS Graduate Studies Committee.

One cash award of \$500 will be presented to the recipient at the CALS Celebration of Teaching Awards Banquet in the spring, and recipients will also be invited to attend the Gamma Sigma Delta banquet in the spring.

Nomination Package Requirements

Items to be included in the nomination package should be prepared in the following order (no additional items will be accepted or considered):

- 1) Nomination Form Cover Sheet (attached)
- 2) Evaluation of Graduate Instructor (instructions attached)
 - a. DGP Recommendation
 - b. Student Recommendation
- 3) Personal C.V. from nominee
- 4) Teaching Philosophy from nominee

All materials must be compiled into a PDF file and sent to Robin Clements by March 7th. This package may not exceed 12 pages. Any documents exceeding 12 pages will be excluded from consideration.

**Nomination Form Cover Sheet
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Please attach this to the top of your nomination package.

Nominee: _____ Dept./Program: _____

Title of Appointment: _____ Courses Taught: _____

Current Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Educational History			
Institute	Degree	Date	Major(s)

Teaching Experience (up to 6 most recent opportunities)		
Course Number & Title	Semester	Number of Students Enrolled

Endorsement

_____ Department Head Name

_____ Department Head Signature & Date

**Faculty and Student Evaluation
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Please provide a written evaluation using instructions based on your role (faculty or student) below. This recommendation should be completed by a student(s) who has taken a course from the nominee and has firsthand knowledge of the criteria noted.

Director of Graduate Program Recommendation

In 500 words or less, please consider the following questions in preparing your written faculty recommendation and use specific examples to explain your nomination.

Does the instructor:

- have good classroom/lab-management skills?
- create a classroom environment that is based on mutual respect and make the environment a conducive learning community?
- use assessment data and student/faculty feedback to improve his/her teaching?
- teach effectively, inspire enthusiasm for learning, arouse curiosity, and stimulate independent and critical thinking?
- set high expectations, help students to meet them and provide constructive feedback to students on their learning?
- show respect and concern for students, offering them effective and appropriate guidance?
- use innovative design and delivery of course content?
- have a willingness to try new ideas?

Student Recommendation

In 500 words or less, please consider the subsequent topics in preparing your written student recommendation.

- Knowledge & organization of subject matter
- Effectiveness of oral communication
- Ability to engage students
- Effectiveness of visual aids and handouts
- Preparation of lab materials (if applicable)
- Attitude toward student expression