

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE MENTOR AWARDS 2016 - 2017

Guidelines and Procedures for Senate and non-Senate Faculty

Committee on Outstanding Graduate Mentorship
Academic Senate
University of California, Santa Barbara



Purpose of the Award

Mentoring graduate students is a vital component of our mission as a research university; it includes training graduate students for careers in research and teaching and preparing them to meet the highest professional and ethical standards as scholars and educators. Outstanding mentoring sets standards for improving current practice and passing on best practice as our students become mentors to the next generations of scholars. In recognition of our faculty who meet the highest standards in graduate mentoring, and to encourage improvement and innovation in mentoring in all areas of graduate education, the Academic Senate has created an award for graduate mentorship. Each year the Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award will recognize the contributions of up to three Senate or non-Senate faculty whose mentoring is considered exemplary.

This award program was initiated to encourage and reward excellence in mentoring graduate students on the Santa Barbara campus. Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award recipients receive a cash award of \$1,000 and a framed certificate.

Facets of Mentoring

Mentorship of graduate students is a broad concept involving all stages of the graduate student cycle. Facets of outstanding mentorship include contributions to student recruitment, strong mentoring ethics, development of students' research and professional skills, career advice and placement, and fostering intellectual growth and critical thinking, and contributions to a climate which supports a diverse student population.

Eligibility

All members of the Academic Senate who have chaired graduate committees and are currently engaged in graduate mentorship are eligible for nomination. Non-Senate academic appointees who have been authorized by Graduate Council to co-chair graduate committees may also be considered for an award.

Stage 1: Call for Nominations

Current graduate students, recent alums of UCSB graduate programs, and colleagues may offer nominations of faculty members. The initial nomination should include a statement of 200-500 words, which may be included as one of the letters of support

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations must be submitted online (<https://senate.ucsb.edu/~awards>) by **5:00pm on December 20, 2016**.

NOMINEE NOTIFICATION

All eligible nominees will be notified of their nomination for the Outstanding Graduate Mentor Awards via email by **December 22, 2016**.

Stage 2: Nominee Documentation

To be considered for an Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award, nominees must submit the following items:

- Data sheet of mentorship history (name, date, and disposition of former students)
- Three letters of support from current graduate students **and** three letters from former graduate students who were mentored at UCSB
- A reflective statement of the nominee's mentoring philosophy. The nominee should address mentoring goals, objectives, and experiences. There is a 2-page maximum – document must be double spaced using at least 10-point font.
- Letters of support from two to three UCSB colleagues who have had the opportunity to observe the nominee in a mentoring role, one of whom could be the department chair

SUBMISSION OF NOMINEE PACKET

All materials should be submitted in electronic format, through the link provided on the secure Academic Senate website (<https://senate.ucsb.edu/~awards>). Documents may be either in PDF or *Word* format.

It is recommended that departmental staff provide assistance and support in assembling nominee packets.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINEE PACKET

All materials for the nominee packet must be submitted (uploaded to the website) by **5:00pm on February 1, 2017**.

Late or incomplete nominee packets will be evaluated at the discretion of the awards committee.

AWARD NOTIFICATION

Each Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award recipient will be notified by a member of the Committee on Outstanding Graduate Mentors beginning the week of **April 3, 2017**. Nominees who were not selected for an award will be notified by email by **April 17, 2017**.

AWARDS RECOGNITION

Award recipients will be honored at a public ceremony and reception at the April meeting of the Faculty Legislature to recognize their achievements.

Key Dates

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| • Deadline for nominations | December 20, 2016 |
| • Eligible nominees notified by email | December 22, 2016 |
| • Deadline for nominee packets | February 1, 2017 |
| • Notify award recipients | April 3 – 14, 2017 |
| • Notify non-recipients via email | April 17, 2017 |
| • Awards recognition, Faculty Legislature | April 27, 2017 |

Outstanding Graduate Mentor Awards Previous Recipients

ANTHROPOLOGY		
	Katharina J. Schreiber	2008-2009
COMMUNICATION		
	Howard Giles	2011-2012
COMPUTER SCIENCE		
	Amr El Abbadi	2006-2007
	Divyakant Agrawal	2010-2011
	Elizabeth Belding	2011-2012
	Tevfik Bultan	2015-2016
EARTH SCIENCE		
	Douglas Burbank	2008-2009
ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION & MARINE BIOLOGY		
	Sally J. Holbrook	2013-2014
EDUCATION		
	Judith Green	2015-2016
GEOGRAPHY		
	Reginald Golledge	2005-2006
	Dar Roberts	2007-2008
	Richard Church	2012-2013
	Keith Clarke	2014-2015
GEVIRTZ GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION		
	Merith Cosden	2005-2006
HISTORY		
	Harold Drake	2006-2007
	Paul Spickard	2007-2008
	Patricia Cline Cohen	2008-2009
	Sarah Cline	2009-2010
	Mary Furner	2014-2015
LINGUISTICS		
	Mary Bucholtz	2006-2007
MATERIALS		
	Ram Seshadri	2013-2014
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING		
	Kimberly Turner	2012-2013
	Francesco Bullo	2014-2015
PSYCHOLOGICAL & BRAIN SCIENCES		
	Aaron Ettenberg	2010-2011
SOCIOLOGY		
	Beth E. Schneider	2009-2010
	Verta Taylor	2012-2013
SPANISH & PORTUGUESE		
	Sara G. Poot-Herrera	2013-2014