

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 members providing outstanding research/teaching mentorship.

Full-time, tenure track faculty from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas are eligible for consideration (other NSHE institutions ineligible).

Application Deadline: November 30

Process

Checklist for GPSA Awards ([click for interactive .pdf](#)) *Must be attached to each nomination.*

Notification is sent annually by the GPSA Office to each campus department (late September).

Nominations: Current 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 current graduate or professional student, using the guidelines noted under Criteria
- Curriculum Vitae containing a listing of scholarly activity, leadership/service activities, awards, and honors of recommender(s) and nominee
- Supplementary materials as specified under Criteria
- In addition to the nomination materials, the nominee is required to include a brief (½ page) biography

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: January
- Awards Committee recommends recipients to the GPSA Executive Board by January 30th.
- Award recipients are announced at the February GPSA Council meeting. A formal letter of recognition will follow.
- All GPSA award recipients are presented their awards at the Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum in March.

Composition of the GPSA Awards Committee:

- Three GPSA department representatives, who 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 the committee member with a conflict of interest.
- A non-voting (except in cases of tie decisions or conflict of interest) chairperson—a representative from the GPSA Executive Board.

Criteria for GPSA Merit Award:

Letter of Nomination:

- The nomination letter, from a current UNLV graduate or professional student, must indicate the nominee's proficiency in developing future members of academia. The letter should be written in such a way as to clarify the nominee's activities from other dedicated faculty mentors.
- The letter must address clear evidence of the nominee's dedication to mentoring graduate and professional students. This evidence should reflect recognized evaluation in the nominee's ability to mentor future researchers and/or instructors. A fuller listing of these activities should be provided in the nominee's Curriculum Vitae, which must be included in the application packet.
- The letter of nomination must address the nominee's contribution in terms of long term impact on students' research and/or teaching careers.

Supplementary Materials: Every nomination must contain the following additional materials:

- An abstract describing the nominee's mentoring/teaching philosophy.
- The nominee's current Curriculum Vitae.

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