Outstanding Advising Awards

**Categories:**

**Outstanding Graduate Advisor:** This award recognizes the efforts of advisors working with students on their graduate degree; faculty are incorporating research or teaching responsibilities along with advising students on thesis and project proposals.

**Outstanding Undergraduate Academic Advisor:** This award recognizes the efforts of advisors working with undergraduate students; faculty are incorporating research or teaching responsibilities along with serving as academic advisor to undergraduate students.

**Outstanding Undergraduate Research Advisor:** This award recognizes the efforts of advisors working with undergraduate students on research projects; faculty are incorporating research or teaching responsibilities along with serving as a research mentor to undergraduate students.

**Criteria:**

Recipients of the outstanding advising award must demonstrate unusually effective ongoing mentoring relationships with advisees during their programs of study. Successful candidates will demonstrate a breadth of relevant knowledge including institutional regulations, policies and procedures, as well as information sources, referral procedures and career/life building skills. Awardees must be recognized for excellence by their advisees, peers and administrators at the undergraduate or graduate level, depending on the particular advising award.

**Information for the Nominator:**

Nomination packets must include a nomination form signed by the nominator with the following items attached:

- A one-page biography and/or curriculum vitae of the nominee.
- Nominee’s evidence of excellence and impact on student success, including number of advisees or research mentees (one page or less).
- Three to five letters of support:
  - Including a letter from the nominator that, in one page or less, clearly describes how the nominee is involved in the advising of students, examples of specific characteristics that qualify this person for the award, and contributions that the nominee has made to individual student growth and development.
  - At least one letter from a current or former student (either undergraduate or graduate, depending on award).
- For the outstanding undergraduate academic advisor ONLY: A table summarizing numerical advisor evaluations in comparison to department and college averages.

**Notes:**

Incomplete or late nominations will not be reviewed.

All nominees not receiving award recognition this year will be held for consideration for the following year's award.

Persons who have won the award or its equivalent previously are not eligible for the award.