Outstanding Graduate Faculty Advisor Award

The Outstanding Graduate Faculty Advisor Award honors one faculty member from the UMD’s Graduate School who has demonstrated outstanding service to the University through advising and mentoring. Each award winner will receive $500 as a cash bonus or as a travel or equipment allocation. In addition, each winner’s program will receive $500 to spend on graduate student mentoring activities.

Procedures for Identification and Selection

1) The Director of Graduate Education shall call for nominations for the 2015-2016 Outstanding Graduate Faculty Advisor Award.
2) Faculty, staff, or students may make nominations or members of the Graduate Faculty may nominate themselves.
3) Nomination letters should be no more than two pages and should include:
   a) The nominee’s years of advising in the department/program;
   b) The total number of graduate/professional students advised during that period and those advised over the past 5 years;
   c) Specific examples of the nominee’s success in advising. This can include discussion of how the nominee has
      i) helped students to set realistic expectations, acquire competencies, stay on track, and overcome personal and professional challenges;
      ii) demonstrated sustained commitment to students through advising in multiple ways, e.g., supporting, mentoring, supervising;
      iii) challenged students to go beyond what they thought was possible in academic excellence.
4) Supporting materials may be provided, including up to three letters of support. One of these should be from a current or former student. Letters of support should not exceed one page in length. As with the letter from the nominator, letters of support should provide specific examples of the nominee’s advising excellence.
5) Nominations should be submitted to the Director of Graduate Education by February 19, 2016.
6) Nominations will be screened by an ad hoc committee consisting of three members of the UMD Graduate Council, representing at least two UMD colleges, who will provide recommendations to the Director of Graduate Education.
7) The Director of Graduate Education shall forward her/his prioritized recommendations and documentation to the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs by February 26, 2016.