



The Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award Spring Application Packet 2017

Teaching assistants play a vital role enhancing the teaching mission of Arkansas State University. The Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award recognizes the contributions of graduate students to the teaching and learning process of ASU. Evidence of creativity, innovative teaching efforts, extra efforts in improving classes, teaching effectiveness, the candidate's efforts to build rapport with students, efforts to stimulate independent critical thinking, and demonstration of excellence in teaching are all qualities that distinguish this candidate from others. This award was initiated to encourage and reward excellence in teaching on the ASU- Jonesboro campus. One graduate student is given the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award each spring by nominations from faculty.

Suggestions for Nomination Letters

- It helps to put the nomination in perspective. For example, an effective, recent nomination letter from a faculty member said that of approximately _____ (number) of students I have supervised in the last _____ (number of years) as a professor, s/he ranks _____ because _____. (give reasons)
- It assists the committee when a faculty nominator quotes student evaluations, showing how/why the student's teaching is exceptional. What does the student do in his or her teaching that goes beyond the norm? Special techniques? Active and collaborative learning activities? Special assignments?
- The committee will be looking for a description of any outstanding effort/commitment by the student that goes beyond doing a superior job of classroom or lab teaching.
- If the dossier includes informal comments made by former students (e.g., e-mail, personal notes) that were not written specifically for the purpose of supporting the nomination, great care should be taken to safeguard the privacy of the former students.
- The committee finds it helpful to include any available teaching observations made by faculty who observed the nominee teach and prepared a written summary of the observations.
- Is the student an outstanding representative of the University, and if so, why?

**** Previous winners of this award are not eligible**



Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Nomination Form
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Nominee: _____

Years Attended ASU: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Education: _____

Current Professional Positions and Activities:

Special Contributions or Achievements:

Short Narrative

Nominated by: X _____ Date: _____

Nominator's Printed Name, Department, Email & Telephone: