# UT Arlington Call for Nominations

# College of Engineering, College of Science, Kinesiology and Nursing PhD Faculty

Office of Graduate Studies Excellence in Doctoral Student Mentoring

Award

Deadline for nominations: Friday, January 22, 2021

#### **PURPOSE**

The Doctoral Student Mentoring Award is intended for faculty members who have a strong record of excellence in mentoring graduate students. Effective mentoring is a crucial determinant of the academic and professional success of a graduate student and this award is intended to provide the UT Arlington community the opportunity to publicly acknowledge and reward outstanding mentors. The Office of Graduate Studies solicits nominations for the Award from the STEM disciplines, Kinesiology and Nursing Doctoral programs or from the Liberal Arts and Professional disciplines in alternating years. A panel consisting of faculty, doctoral students, and OGS leadership will select one graduate faculty member who excels as a mentor to graduate students. The selected individual will receive \$3000 and will be recognized at the Spring Meeting of the University Faculty and Associates. The recipient's essay on his/her mentoring philosophy and a brief biographical sketch describing his/her work and career will be featured on the OGS website. Winners from STEM disciplines will be asked to serve on the next STEM faculty selection committee while winners selected for the Liberal Arts and Professional disciplines award will help select the next awardee in these disciplines.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

To qualify for the award, nominees must currently be a full-time, tenure-track or tenured UT Arlington faculty member and have chaired the committee of at least three (3) doctoral recipients in the last eight (8) years. Past recipients may be nominated eight (8) years after receiving the award, but preference will be given to faculty members who have not previously received this award.

#### **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

Nominees should exhibit the following characteristics:

- 1. Promotes successful completion of students' research and degree programs by monitoring progress and offering honest, constructive feedback when needed or sought;
- 2. Commits to advancing students' long-term professional development and integrates students into the broader culture of the discipline;
- 3. Ensures that students master the content and skills of their discipline, including the ability to teach or present content to professional and non-professional audiences;
- 4. Creates a supportive environment for research and scholarship by fostering mutual respect and demonstrating sincere and active interest in the well-being of the student;
- 5. Maintains accessibility by providing consistently open lines of communication;
- 6. Connects students with the resources necessary to take full advantage of academic and professional opportunities and enables students by helping them to develop their own local and national networks; and
- 7. Models a solid record of scholarship marked by excellence in research and teaching skills, research presentation and publication, the ability to obtain funding, and the exercise and nurturing of good mentoring practices.

## **NOMINATION PROCESS**

UT Arlington doctoral students and faculty are invited to nominate a qualified faculty member for the Award. Nominated faculty will be contacted by the Office of Graduate Studies to submit the application materials in order for consideration of the award.

## **Nomination Deadline**

The nomination form along with supporting documents <u>must</u> be received in the Office of Graduate Studies no later than 11:59 pm on **February 19, 2021.** 

Please contact Dr. Raymond Jackson, Associate Dean, Office of Graduate Studies, with any questions about the award. Email: Jackson@uta.edu Phone: 817-272-5164