



Call for Nominations
Excellence in Doctoral Student Mentoring Award
CAPPA, COB, COLA, EDUC & SSW

Deadline for nominations: Monday January 12, 2026

PURPOSE

The Excellence in Doctoral Student Mentoring Award is intended for faculty members who have a strong record of excellence in mentoring doctoral 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 Graduate School solicits nominations for the Award from the STEM disciplines or from the Liberal Arts and Professional disciplines in alternating years. This year, nominees from the following colleges/schools will be considered for this award: College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs; College of Business; College of Liberal Arts; College of Education; and the School of Social Work.

A panel consisting of faculty, doctoral students, and Graduate School leadership will review nominees and 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 graduate school's website.

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for the award, nominees must currently be a full-time, tenure-track or tenured UT Arlington faculty member from the College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs; College of Business; College of Liberal Arts; College of Education; or the School of Social Work who has 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 faculty and doctoral students are invited to nominate a qualified faculty member for the award by completing the nomination form located at <https://resources.uta.edu/gradschool/awards/index.php>.

Nominated faculty will be contacted by the Graduate School and asked to submit required supporting materials if they wish to be considered for the award. These materials are described in the attachment titled **2025-2026 Doctoral Award- Application Process.pdf**.

Nomination Deadline

The initial nomination form is due **January 12, 2026**. Supporting documents from nominees who wish to be considered must be received by the Graduate School no later than 11:59 pm on **February 16, 2026**.

Please contact Dr. Raymond Jackson, Associate Dean, Graduate School, with any questions about the award. Email: Jackson@uta.edu