

# Call for Nominations

## College of Engineering – Office of Graduate Programs 2009 Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award

The Office of Graduate Programs recognizes the valuable role that graduate teaching assistants play in enhancing undergraduate learning within the College of Engineering. The Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award honors graduate teaching assistants who have demonstrated special effectiveness in teaching undergraduates in a variety of settings. Two awards will be made. The recipients will be honored at an awards banquet and will receive a certificate and a cash award of \$1000.

### Eligibility

1. All current teaching assistants currently enrolled in a degree program within the College of Engineering are eligible for this award.
2. The student must have demonstrated superior teaching skills while having an official teaching assignment associated with a class or laboratory.
3. The student must have had significant teaching responsibilities for at least two semesters since August 2008.
4. Previous recipients of this award are ineligible to receive the same award again.
5. Awards will be made on the basis of demonstrated a) excellence in the classroom, laboratory or studio based on course evaluations and the nomination letter; b) description of innovative or creative teaching techniques, technologies, and methods; and/or c) interest in professional development as a teacher as evidenced by publications related to teaching. Attendance at teaching conferences or research conferences with teaching tracts, attendance at local workshops or teaching enhancement activities on campus sponsored by the Office of Graduate Studies or the College of Engineering.

### Guidelines

1. Nominations should be submitted by the Chair on the recommendation of faculty.
2. Nomination materials must include (in addition to the nomination form):
  - a. Letter from a faculty member qualified to assess the GTA's teaching for the Fall 2008 and, if available, Spring 2009 semester (this letter is important in helping the awards committee determine the nominee's qualifications);
  - b. Two-page curriculum vita including descriptions of any creative teaching materials developed, exceptional instructional responsibilities, or innovative instruction techniques used;
  - c. One-page statement of teaching philosophy; and
  - d. One-page summary of the nominee's teaching evaluations from at least one course or lab (both qualitative & quantitative), if available.
3. Submit the nomination by 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 17, 2009 to:  
College of Engineering  
Office of Graduate Programs  
OTH 114, attn: Chelsea Hood  
UNL, 68588-0642
4. The recipients of the College of Engineering Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award will receive a \$1000 honorarium and be invited, along with his or her faculty mentor, to attend an awards reception, Friday, April 24, 2009, during the College of Engineering E-Week.

Submit to Office of Graduate Programs  
By Friday, April 17, 2009

# Nomination Form

## College of Engineering – Office of Graduate Programs 2009 Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award

### Nominee Information

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Campus Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominator Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Campus Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your relationship to nominee (e.g., advisor, dept. chair, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2009 Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award Nomination Packet Checklist

Please attach this form with your packet and check off each required item to verify the mandatory items are completed before submitting the packet. Thank you.

The following information and supporting data must accompany each nomination:

- Completed nomination form;
- Letter from a faculty member qualified to assess the GTA's teaching (this letter is important in helping the awards committee determine the nominee's qualifications);
- Two-page curriculum vita including descriptions of any creative teaching materials developed, exceptional instructional responsibilities, or innovative instruction techniques used;
- One-page statement of teaching philosophy; and
- One-page summary of the nominee's teaching evaluations from at least one course or lab (both qualitative & quantitative) if available.

Submit original nomination for each nominee in a folder containing a typed label with the student's full name and department on it.

NOTE: All information and data required must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Programs for the nominee to qualify. An incomplete nomination packet will result in the nominee being disqualified.

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