



The Graduate School

2024 Graduate School Mentoring Award for Graduate Students

The Council of Graduate Schools defines mentoring as: "... a more senior individual who provides career and psychosocial support to a junior member of a given organization. Recently, mentors have been found to exist laterally, virtually, among peers, and with individuals outside of the professional context. Mentorship centers on an emotional commitment, which focuses on the protégé's personal and professional growth. "

The Graduate School wants to acknowledge the essential role graduate students play in our research, teaching, and engagement missions at Purdue University through their mentoring work. Competitive candidates will demonstrate sustained mentorship throughout their doctoral program in assisting undergraduate and or other graduate students in achieving their own research. Research may be broadly defined as a course, research project, field research, and/or support programs.

Eligible applicants should be:

Doctoral students who are currently registered and in good standing.

Applicants should assemble the following in one PDF document in the following order:

1. A curriculum vita.
2. A mentoring statement including your mentoring philosophy, commitment to mentoring and accomplishments in the area of mentoring (maximum of 500 words).
3. One letter of support from mentees, advisor, or another staff member who has first-hand knowledge of your excellence in mentoring. Letter can be signed by multiple individuals. There can only be one letter of support.

Packets should be submitted to your college for consideration. There will be one nominee from each college selected to compete across the university. Please consult your college for deadlines for consideration.

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of faculty, staff, and students.

A nominee from each college is due to the grad school by April 5th, 2024, at 5:00 pm EST The winner will be announced on April 15th. The winner will receive an award of \$1,500 and a plaque. **The winner will be notified by email and posted to the Graduate School Website and invited to the awards celebration on May 14th.**

Your college should serve as a point of contact at the local level. Completed applications from colleges should be mailed to: **GradSchoolMentoring@purdue.edu**