



Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate
Students and Postdoctoral Scholars

2025 OGSPS 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."

OGSPS 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 vitae.
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 a mentee, 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 OGSPS by February 28, 2025, at 5:00 pm EST. The winner will receive an award of \$1,500 and a plaque. The winner will be notified by email and invited to the awards celebration on April 24, 2025.

Your college should serve as a point of contact. Completed applications from colleges should be emailed to: Lori Miller, mill2071@purdue.edu.