



FGSR Award for Outstanding Graduate Supervision

This award is to recognize a faculty member who has demonstrated a record of excellent mentorship and supervision of graduate students at the University of Regina. The winner will be nominated for the Canadian Association of Graduate Studies (CAGS) Award for Outstanding Graduate Mentorship. The nomination deadline is **April 30**.

In line with CAGS Award Criteria, outstanding mentorship is judged on the supervisor's demonstrated ability to:

- Inspire, guide and challenge students to achieve excellence and integrity in scholarship;
- Provide a supportive environment that stimulates creativity, debate, engagement and dialogue, and progression toward timely completion;
- Support students in ways that are tailored to their individual learning styles, needs, and career/future aspirations;
- Encourage students to pursue opportunities to share and disseminate their research and scholarly activities within and beyond academia; and
- Support students in developing their academic and professional competencies and transitioning beyond graduate studies.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this award the nominee must:

- Hold a full-time faculty appointment at the University of Regina or its federated colleges and be accredited by FGSR;
- Demonstrate a sustained record of a minimum of seven years of graduate supervision at the U of R since initially accredited by FGSR to supervise graduate students;
- Be currently active as a graduate supervisor;
- Provide a record of graduate students supervised (see details below);
- Previous award winners are eligible to be re-nominated after 10 years.

Nomination package and process

A complete nomination package must include:

1. Completed nomination form (attached).
2. A letter of nomination outlining the rationale for the nomination based on the stated criteria (maximum of two pages). The nominator should be a current graduate student or a former graduate student of the nominee although nominations from colleagues will be accepted. The letter should include details or examples of why the supervisor deserves the recognition, e.g. how the professor goes beyond the call of duty to support the student, the special attention or intellectual stimulation received by the student, etc.
3. A letter of support from a peer-faculty member, graduate coordinator, department head or equivalent, associate dean, or dean of the faculty.
4. Two to five letters of support from current or past graduate students (maximum 4 pages). Each letter can be signed by more than one student/former student.
5. The nominee's abbreviated CV including a summary of current and past graduate students that provides information on the years they were supervised or co-supervised, the degree type, their present position, and any awards or special recognitions received by those students (maximum 10 pages).
6. Send the complete package via email to Grad.excellenceawards@uregina.ca no later than April 30.

The award

The awardee will receive a recognition plaque and \$1,000 CAD that will be contributed to the recipient's APEA account. The award will be publicly announced during the annual Faculty/Staff awards ceremony. A maximum of one award will be presented annually.

Selection process

A selection committee will be formed and chaired by the Dean of FGSR or their designate. The Committee will consist of three graduate faculty members and one graduate student. Committee membership will reflect the diversity of research disciplines at the U of R and when possible it will include at least one of the previous award winners. All nominees will be notified of their status after a public announcement of the award recipient.

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Nomination Form

Use this form to nominate a professor or a colleague deserving of this award. This form along with the complete package should be submitted no later than April 30.

1. Nominee

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Faculty: _____ Department/Unit: _____

Number of years of work at the University of Regina: _____

Number of years of graduate supervision at the University of Regina: _____

Number of graduate students supervised to completion at the University of Regina: _____

2. Nominator

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

3. Letters of support

List the names of the top five people writing support letters and their role; that is, identify if the letter is from a student (and their current or completed degree program, e.g. PhD) or a faculty member.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Signature nominator

Date

Checklist

- Nomination form
- Letter of nomination
- Letter of support from a peer-faculty member, graduate coordinator, department head, etc.
- Two to five letters of support from current and past students
- The nominee's abbreviated CV with the list of graduate students

Tips

- Start early as nominations letters may take time to arrive.
- When requesting letters make sure you ask that the person provides specific examples of how or why the supervisor is deserving of this recognition, e.g. my supervisor stimulated me to think outside the box, my supervisor made me a better scholar through the careful design of my graduate studies, my supervisor accommodated my personal medical needs, etc.
- If this is a surprise for your supervisor, work with a faculty member, Graduate Coordinator or Department Head, and the Administrative Assistant to help you collect the information.
- Don't exceed the number of pages per item.
- A good supervisor cultivates a healthy learning atmosphere, accommodates students' needs, empowers students, stimulates intellectual and personal growth, and listens.

Resources

- CAGS Award for Outstanding Graduate Mentorship: <https://cags.ca/outstanding-graduate-mentorship/>
- Testimonials and approach to supervision examples from McGill's Award for Graduate Supervision and Teaching: <https://www.mcgill.ca/gradsupervision/supervision-snapshots/david-thomson-award/2018>
- Tips for Preparing an Effective Nomination Package for the Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Supervision available: <https://www.queensu.ca/sgs/sites/webpublish.queensu.ca.sgswww/files/files/faculty%20-%20supervision/AEGSS%20guidelines-form-tips%202019.pdf>