

Biology TA of the year award, Department of Biology, University of Regina

An annual award will be given to outstanding graduate, or undergraduate teaching assistant(s) (TA) in the Department of Biology.

To be eligible for the award, the student must have been a TA in the Department of Biology for at least one term within the 10 months preceding the award deadline and have not previously won this award.

Nomination process: Faculty, sessionals, peers, and undergraduate students are welcome to nominate a TA for this award. ***Self-nominations are welcome.*** Nominators are encouraged (although not required) to collaborate on a single nomination package (i.e. groups of students are encouraged to contribute towards single nomination packages, potentially in collaboration with their instructors). The nomination letter should address one or more of the criteria outlined below (specific examples to support the nomination are encouraged) and be no more than 2 pages. Submissions must be made via **email to Marie.Dmytrow@uregina.ca**

Nomination deadline: March 1 of each year

Selection Process: The Award Committee will consist of 1 Laboratory Instructor, 1 Course Instructor and 1 BUGS representative, and shall meet to deliberate in the week following winter exam period.

The committee will review all nominations and make a decision based on the following criteria (where appropriate):

- Teaching Skills: Teaching ability demonstrated in student contact hours;
- Grading: Quality of grading in terms of promptness, helpfulness, and relevance of feedback/comments;
- Communication: Methods of delivering instructional material to student and quality of communication with students and/or the instructor (e.g., in office hours, email communication, etc.);
- Learning Environment: Developing an effective and positive learning climate, ability to stimulate, engage, or provoke thought within an inclusive working environment;
- Other: Any other qualities demonstrating commitment to teaching, grading, contributions to course development and modification and/or outreach activities

Note: Heavier consideration will be given to duties completed as a TA in the Department of Biology; however, nominations may include information on other activities such as outreach and science communication. Supporting documentation from a variety of sources is preferred (students, faculty, peers, and administrators).