**Frequently Asked Questions:**

1. **Why should I nominate my faculty mentor for an award?**

If a faculty member has mentored you and contributed to make your graduate school experience academically rewarding and fulfilling, the Graduate School would like to recognize their efforts which often go unnoticed. We hope to celebrate mentoring and recognize those who are great at what they do.

1. **Does the person I nominate have to be my major advisor or committee chair?**

No, as a graduate student (or as a faculty member), you can nominate any member of the faculty who has been a great mentor to you (or to graduate students) throughout your studies.

1. **Will the person I nominate know that I nominated him/her?**

No, all nominations are kept strictly confidential. Although we hope students will want to inform their nominee so they know what a great job they are doing, the Graduate School will not do so.

1. **What should I include in the statement of nomination?**

We have left the contents of the nomination statement up to you so that you can describe why the nominee has contributed to your graduate school experience in whatever way seems best to you. We encourage you to share stories and anecdotes and be as specific as possible in terms of the award criteria listed above to better help us understand why this person deserves this award.

1. **How long should my statement of nomination be?**

We do not have a specific length requirement. Please share as much or as little as you wish. Anything you include will help in the determination of this semester’s award winner.

1. **How will the recipients be selected?**

Nominees will be reviewed by a committee of graduate faculty selected by the Graduate School. The nominations will be rated based on the award criteria listed at the beginning of this document.