



Faculty of Human Kinetics Excellence in Graduate Mentorship Award¹

Background

This award recognizes and honours a faculty member's excellence in mentorship of graduate students within the Faculty of Human Kinetics at the University of Windsor, which is at the core of our mission. Long known for fostering high quality graduate-level instruction and supervision and a sustained commitment to the intellectual, professional, and personal development of our graduate students, the Faculty of Human Kinetics boasts a complement of outstanding graduate advisors, a number of whom have received internal and external recognitions for their mentorship.

Eligible Candidates

All faculty, including Ancillary Academic Staff (AAS), in the Department of Kinesiology who are involved in the mentoring of graduate students. The award may only be received by faculty once within a three-year window.

Nomination Process

Nominations may be made by colleagues or graduate (current or former) students. Nomination letters (2 pages maximum) must be submitted via email by **May 31st**. Nominees will be contacted following this date to confirm that they will accept the nomination and prepare their application package (described below) for submission. Application packages shall be submitted via email by **August 31st**, according to the following guidelines. With the approval of the nominee, nominations will remain active for three years; nominees will be given the opportunity to update their application packages in years two and/or three.

Application Packages

At minimum, application packages shall include:

1. a nomination letter that highlights evidence of the candidate's excellence in graduate mentorship
2. an abbreviated curriculum vitae that details graduate supervisory experience and/or achievements
3. a statement of mentoring philosophy and evidence of impact on the professional and scholarly development of graduate students (2 pages maximum)
4. 2-5 supplementary letters of support of intellectual, professional, and personal development of graduate students and the graduate program

Applicants do not need to submit a complete teaching dossier. However, applicants are encouraged to include other relevant evidence and information regarding their mentoring practices and impact on graduate student learning. The Committee may contact applicants for additional information and/or explanations of submitted materials to help distinguish candidates. Applicants might consider providing some or all of the following information and evidence in support of their nomination:

- a. Graduate student feedback (solicited and unsolicited)
- b. Graduate teaching development (personal and professional development related to teaching)
- c. Leadership, including pedagogical services internal and external to the university
- d. Impact within the university and beyond the university
- e. Ongoing professional development regarding graduate student mentorship.

¹ The basic structure and review process associated with this award are generally aligned with the Wayne Marino Faculty of Human Kinetics Teaching Excellence Award. Moreover, the eligibility criteria and nomination materials for this award were modelled after the University of Windsor's Graduate Mentorship Award, which is generally consistent with the Canadian Association of Graduate Studies (CAGS) Award for Outstanding Graduate Mentorship and the Northeastern Association of Graduate Schools' (NAGS) Geoffrey Marshall Mentoring Award, such that recipients may be considered for these national and international awards.

Applicants may include evidence of graduate student teaching (e.g., graduate courses taught, teaching and assessment methods, course and curriculum design and development), but the basis of the award will be determined on the supervisory or mentoring relationships with graduate students.

Nominations and completed application packages should be submitted via email to:

Ms. Sheila Daudlin, Assistant to the Dean, Faculty of Human Kinetics (sheilad@uwindsor.ca).

Review Process

Application packages will be circulated to the Faculty of Human Kinetics Graduate Mentorship Award Committee for review. The committee will meet in early fall each year to review the applications and reach consensus on a candidate for the award.

The Committee will be struck and chaired by the Dean of the Faculty of Human Kinetics. The Committee will include the Department Head of Kinesiology, the two most recent winners of the award, one graduate student, as well as a non-voting member from the Centre for Teaching and Learning. Committee representation will be determined after the nominations are received in order to eliminate any potential conflicts between Committee members and nominees. Committee membership is at the discretion of the Chair.

Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated on evidence of a record of excellence in or contribution to:

- Innovative graduate student supervision and/or instruction
- Commitment to professional and scholarly development of graduate students
 - e.g., mentoring student towards their future careers; training in creation of professional products such as publications, performances, and grant applications; encouraging creative and critical thinking; fostering independence and autonomy
- Facilitating development of skills in research and/or practice
 - e.g., teaching skills of experiment, practice, analysis, evaluation, etc.
- Commitment to an enriched graduate student experience
- Providing a learning environment conducive to completing the degree in a timely manner with respect to expectations of the discipline
- Engagement in graduate student supervision and/or teaching
 - e.g., actively engaging in the graduate environment of the University of Windsor, such as sitting on graduate student committees, and chairing graduate-related committees.

The most effective applications show alignment between the mentoring philosophies and evidence provided.

Award

The award will be given to a maximum of one individual each year and it need not be awarded if it is deemed that there is no suitable applicant in a given year. The award will be presented at the Faculty of Human Kinetics Scholars' Evening and will be highlighted at the Annual Celebration of Teaching Excellence hosted by the Centre for Teaching and Learning. Successful applicants may also be considered for the University of Windsor Graduate Mentorship Award.

For additional information please contact:

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