

**UPEI Faculty of Graduate Studies:
Award for Outstanding Graduate Mentorship**



This award recognizes graduate faculty members with a record of excellent mentorship of graduate students under their supervision.

Prize

- Plaque of Recognition from UPEI FGS awarded at annual Graduate Studies Conference
- Profile on UPEI FGS website
- UPEI Nomination to CAGS Outstanding Graduate Mentorship Award, (if offered) see last year's award winner at [Outstanding Graduate Mentorship | CAGS](#)

Selection Committee

UPEI Graduate Studies Advisory Committee will review nominations and select the winner of the UPEI FGS Award for Outstanding Graduate Mentorship. The UPEI recipient will be nominated by UPEI for consideration of the CAGS Award for Outstanding Graduate Mentorship. The UPEI recipient will be announced by February 15 each year.

Criteria

The criteria for this award follow as closely as possible the criteria listed for the CAGS Award to ensure that the UPEI recipient can be the UPEI nominee for the CAGS Award. Outstanding mentorship is judged on the supervisor's demonstrated ability to:

- inspire, guide and challenge supervisees to achieve excellence in scholarship;
- provide a supportive environment that stimulates creativity, debate, engagement and dialogue and progression toward timely completion;
- respond to the needs of their students and their 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 skills and transitioning beyond graduate studies.

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Eligibility

To be eligible for this award the nominee must:

- hold a full-time faculty appointment at the rank of associate or full professor,
- demonstrate a sustained record of graduate supervision at UPEI (no less than 7 years),
- be currently active as a graduate supervisor,
- provide a record of graduate students supervised (see details below), and
- not be a prior winner of the UPEI Award for Outstanding Graduate Mentorship.

Who can nominate

UPEI Faculty of Graduate Studies will accept nominations from faculty members, program directors or graduate students (no self-nominations).

Nomination Information

A nomination package must include:

1. A letter of nomination outlining the reasons for the nomination based on the stated criteria (maximum of two pages) Note, letter writers are encouraged to emphasize aspects of the nominee's supervision that are related to the listed criteria. It has been the committee's experience that descriptions such as "having an open-door policy" or "has group meals or outings" do not usefully distinguish one mentorship nominee from the next.
2. The nominee's abbreviated CV (max. eight pages) including a list of all graduate students (past and current) supervised by the nominee (name, degree, thesis title, program start and end date, current position (if known) and any awards or special recognitions received by students.
3. Two to five letters of support from current and/or former students (letters can be signed by more than one student/former student)

Submission

Complete nomination packages must be submitted electronically in a single file with materials ordered as listed above to cgallant@upei.ca. Please include graduate mentorship award in the subject line. Nomination submissions must be timestamped no later than **4:00 pm, February 3rd**, annually.