



THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT
GRADUATE COLLEGE

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) contribute significantly to UVM's teaching mission and merit recognition for their dedication and the important contributions they make to the instruction of undergraduate students at UVM. The GTA of the Year Award annually recognizes the accomplishments of GTAs who have demonstrated unusual excellence and creativity in their teaching and commitment to student learning.

Two awards are given each year, one for GTAs who have served as the primary instructor in a lecture-based course and one for teaching assistants who have served as laboratory or field instructors. While only two GTAs are chosen to receive the GTA of the Year Award, the program nominees for the award are also recognized and honored.

Eligibility

Any graduate student with a minimum grade point average of 3.00 who has served as a GTA for at least one full semester during the previous calendar year (spring semester 2022 and/or fall semester 2022) is eligible to be nominated by their graduate program for the GTA of the Year Award.

Nomination Procedure

Graduate programs may determine their own internal procedures for selecting their nominee. Only one nominee per program is allowed. We encourage programs to solicit information from both faculty and graduate students in choosing their nominees. Nominations should be submitted to gradcoll@uvm.edu with "GTA award nomination" in the subject) as a single PDF with all of the following documents included:

1. Completed Nomination Form
2. Letter of nomination from the Graduate Program Director
3. Letter of support from either two faculty members or one faculty member and a GTA who have direct knowledge of the nominee's teaching. It is important that the letters and evaluations not be mere testimonials, but that they address, with specific examples, the nominee's teaching creativity, dedication, and excellence.
4. An evaluation of the nominee's teaching by the nominee's students. This should include a cover sheet summarizing the teaching evaluations and copies of all teaching evaluations.
5. A brief Curriculum Vitae of the nominee
6. Any additional information deemed appropriate by the graduate program

Awardees will receive a gift certificate, and each nominee will receive a commemorative citation and an award of \$100. We strongly encourage your participation in this award program.

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Nominations should be submitted to gradcoll@uvm.edu as a single PDF by **March 13, 2023 at 4:30 pm.**

DATE _____

GRADUATE PROGRAM _____

NAME OF NOMINEE _____

DEGREE LEVEL ___ Master's ___ Doctoral

YEAR OF STUDY: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5 ___ 5+ ___ Number of Semesters Taught: ___

AWARD CATEGORY

___ Primary Instructor for Lecture Course ___ Laboratory/Field Instructor (or equivalent)

TITLES OF COURSE(S) IN WHICH STUDENT SERVED AS GTA IN THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR (**spring and/or fall of 2022**):

SIGNATURES:

Graduate Program Director: _____

Supporting Faculty: _____

Supporting Faculty/GTA: _____

CHECKLIST

The entire nomination includes:

1. Completed Nomination Form
2. Letter of nomination from the Graduate Program Director
3. Two letters of support from faculty or one from faculty and one from another GTA
4. An evaluation of the nominee's teaching by the nominee's students. This should include a cover sheet summarizing the teaching evaluations and copies of all teaching evaluations.
5. A brief CV of the nominee
6. Any additional information deemed appropriate by the graduate program