



THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT  
**GRADUATE COLLEGE**

**GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) at UVM gain valuable professionally enhancing experience as they prepare for careers across the academy and other sectors. The GTA of the Year Award recognizes the contributions GTAs make to the instruction of undergraduate students at UM and celebrates 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 a GTA who has served as the primary instructor in a lecture-based course and one for a GTA who has served as a laboratory or field instructor, or equivalent. While only two GTAs are chosen to receive the GTA of the Year Award, all program nominees for the award are recognized and honored.

**Eligibility**

Any graduate student with a minimum grade point average of 3.00 at the point of nomination who has served as a GTA for at least one full semester during the previous calendar year (spring semester 2023 and/or fall semester 2023).

**Nomination Procedure**

Graduate programs may determine their own transparent, equitable internal procedures for selecting one nominee. We encourage programs to solicit information from both faculty and graduate students in choosing their nominees. Nominations should be submitted as a single PDF with all of the following documents included, in the order specified, attached to an email addressed to: [Erica.Hanson-Pietricola@uvm.edu](mailto:Erica.Hanson-Pietricola@uvm.edu) . Subject line: "GTA Award Nomination AY24: [nominee's name; program name]." **Deadline: April 15, 2024.**

1. Completed Nomination Form
2. A brief Curriculum Vitae of the nominee (2 pages max.)
3. Letter of nomination from the Graduate Program Director.
4. One additional letter of support, submitted by either two faculty members or one faculty member and one GTA. Both authors need to possess direct knowledge of the nominee's teaching.

It is important that the letters of nomination and of support address, with specific examples, the nominee's teaching creativity, dedication, and excellence.

5. 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.

The two GTA of the Year Awardees will receive a commemorative certificate. Their names will be included in the Graduate College Awards section of the 2024 Commencement booklet. All nominees will receive a commemorative citation and an award of \$100.

