



ALES GRADUATE STUDENT MENTORING AWARD

Description

To encourage and recognize excellence in graduate student supervision in the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences (ALES)

Eligibility

- Any continuing academic staff member who is eligible to supervise graduate students
- Nominations may be made by current or former graduate students or faculty colleagues
- At least five years of graduate supervision experience at the University of Alberta. Must have supervised some students to completion of their Masters and/or Doctoral degrees.
- Each winner is ineligible for reconsideration for the award for the following five years; unsuccessful nominees may be nominated again in the following year
- Nominators should consider the equity, diversity, and inclusivity elements of the University of Alberta's [Strategic Plan for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity](#) when developing nominations

Criteria

- Excellence in mentoring, supervision and graduate teaching
- Leadership amongst their peers in engaging graduate students
- Contribution to graduate student professional development
- Overall commitment to the success of graduate students in their programs
- Contribution to success of graduate students in transitioning from Masters or Doctoral programs to the next phase of their careers
- Fosters interest and independence in and enthusiasm for research on the part of students
- Strongly encourages students to be critical, to think independently and to work toward solutions for important problems
- Contributes to and impacts equity, diversity, and inclusivity outside of the scholarly community and/or within the scholarly community

Nomination Package

- Name of nominee(s) and nominator(s)
- At least three letters of support from graduate students (former and/or current) emphasizing impact and effectiveness of the nominee's supervision
- At least one letter of support from a colleague, department chair or department Graduate Coordinator
- A brief statement of the nominee's supervision philosophy (350 word limit)
- A list of graduate courses taught and graduate students supervised in the last 5 years, along with a description of former students' current status (stage in program of study or job description; with student's permission)



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- A description of how the nominee has incorporated EDI into aspects of teaching
 - A list of publications co-authored with graduate students in the past five years
 - Other evidence of supervision excellence (eg. other relevant awards, other scholarly activities related to supervision, etc.)

Nomination packages should not be longer than 10 pages, not including letters of support, and should not include materials such as course outlines, examples of examinations, term work (e.g., term papers/projects, assignments), etc., but may include up to two examples of publications co-authored with a graduate student.

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Application Deadline

- Deadline for submission: **November 29, 2024**
- All nominations/applications are to be sent electronically to ales.awards@ualberta.ca