

UOIT Award for Excellence in Graduate Supervision

The UOIT Award for Excellence in Graduate Supervision was established in 2018 to recognize faculty members who have displayed excellence in the mentorship and supervision of graduate students at UOIT.

Eligibility

The nominee should hold a graduate faculty appointment and must have supervised graduate students for a minimum of six years at UOIT¹. Previous recipients are not eligible for a period of 10 years following the year in which he or she received the award.

Application process

A complete application will contain:

1. Completed nomination form.
2. Letter from the nominator(s) describing the attributes of the faculty member's mentoring and supervision skills. (maximum 4 pages)
3. Three letters of support from graduate students (Master's or PhD) who are either currently under the supervision of the nominee or who have been supervised as graduate students by the nominees in the past. (maximum 4 pages)
4. Letter of support from the graduate program director, including a rationale as to why the nominee qualifies for the award. (maximum 4 pages)
5. The nominee's abbreviated CV including a summary of current and past graduate students that provides information on the years they were supervised or co-supervised, the degree type and their present position, and any awards or special recognitions received by those students. (maximum 8 pages)

Public recognition and value of the award

A maximum of one award will be presented annually. Each award consists of a recognition plaque and \$1000 that will be contributed to the recipient's internal research account. The award will be publicly announced during the annual Faculty/Staff awards ceremony. In addition, the award recipient will be recognized at the following convocation ceremonies.

Selection process and award criteria

Excellence is judged on the quality of supervision and mentorship that inspire graduate students to become successful scholars and professionals. Characteristics include engagement, availability, quality and timeliness of guidance and feedback, responsiveness to student needs, and enthusiasm for the pursuit of knowledge. In addition, the supervisor must promote timely completion of the thesis and encourage the career development of the student through the provision of leadership and support in academic matters such as publishing, presenting, and applying for funding.

The selection committee will be chaired by the Dean of the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies or his/her designate. The committee will consist of no more than three graduate faculty members.

¹ Faculty members who only hold an Associate Graduate or Emeritus Appointment are not eligible.

Committee membership will reflect the diverse research disciplines at UOIT and when possible should include at least one of the previous award winners. The committee will review the application packages and recommend the recipient to the Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

All nominees will be notified of their status after public announcement of the award recipients.

Nomination deadline

The award will normally be given out annually and will typically correspond to the UOIT-wide faculty/staff awards cycle. As such, the submission deadline for application packages will normally be the last week of June. The School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies will announce the submission dates as part of the call for nominations.

Electronic application packages are preferred and should be submitted via email to gradstudies@uoit.ca