



The Award

The Distinguished Graduate Mentorship Award honours USask graduate faculty who have demonstrated exceptional mentorship. These outstanding mentors inspire creativity in their students, encourage innovative research, and guide them toward making a meaningful impact on the future. Their influence is vital to the success of graduate students, both in academic settings and beyond.

Eligibility

Faculty members of the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies with at least 10 years of supervisory experience are eligible for the award. The term "supervision" is broadly defined to encompass oversight of both artistic and written works, including projects, theses, and dissertations.

Who Can Nominate

USask graduate community members including students, staff, alumni and faculty.

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The recipient will receive a certificate awarded at USask's annual Staff & Faculty Awards event and a \$1000 monetary award. A plaque listing past award recipients is displayed prominently at the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

Criteria

Excellence in graduate student mentorship encompasses many dimensions. The selection committee evaluates the following criteria, while also considering the nominee's broader impact on the graduate community.

- 1.** Ability to interest, stimulate and excite students to develop and achieve academic and research success in a timely fashion.
- 2.** Evidence of supporting students as individuals and fostering inclusion.
- 3.** Ability to support students enabling dissemination of research, scholarly and artistic work in academic and non-academic venues.
- 4.** Facilitate students' transition to careers beyond graduate studies.
- 5.** Evidence of leadership in fostering best practices in graduate mentorship among colleagues.

Each year, the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) nominates successful candidates for the Canadian Association for Graduate Studies (CAGS) mentorship award, known as [The Dr. Suning Wang Award for Outstanding Graduate Mentorship](#). Nominators are encouraged to review the CAGS award criteria when preparing their nominations.



Nominee Information

Name of Nominee	
Department or Unit:	
Nominees Email:	
Academic Rank:	
Years of graduate student supervisory experience:	

Nominee’s Digital Signature

Indicating agreement to be nominated, have name published and consent to have their nomination forward to CAGS.

Nominator Information

Nominator Name:	
Department or Unit:	
Nominator Email:	

Nomination Package Checklist

- Compelling and concise letter of nomination outlining the rationale that speaks to why the nominee should be considered for the award. Consider:
 - Has the nominee contributed to creating a broader community of best practice in graduate education?
 - Are they a leader in graduate education? How?
 - Are they reflective in their supervision style? Why?
- The nominee's self-study statement regarding their graduate student teaching philosophy.
- The nominee’s abbreviated CV (no more than 8 pages)
- A list of graduate students supervised by the nominee.
 - Student details should include the name, degree, thesis title, program start and end date, current position (if known) of supervised graduate students, include any awards or special recognitions received by the student. Also include research outputs that highlight student contributions if relevant to the field.
- One co-authored letter from current/former students if not included in the letter of nomination.
 - This letter should speak directly to the student’s experience as a mentee.
- Two supporting letters from the nominee’s colleagues.
- Try not to exceed 20 pages.

Include this page as a cover page to your submission package.