



# MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™ THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

## **2017 Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor**

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The Office of the Graduate School, in cooperation with the MSU Alumni Association, is seeking nominations from graduate students for the *2017 Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor Award*. Selection of a member of the MSU faculty will be based on well documented examples of the highest dedication to graduate students while serving as an outstanding mentor. References to specific outcomes of the mentoring effort need to be included.

### **What is a true mentor?**

A mentor can be a major advisor or a member of a graduate committee, but being an outstanding mentor is much more than simply advising. A mentor provides wisdom, technical knowledge, assistance, support, encouragement, empathy and respect throughout, and most probably beyond, your graduate career. A graduate student reaps exceptional benefits from the mentor's support, skills, wisdom and coaching. Mentoring also brings to a graduate student an understanding how his/her distinctive skills and ambitions fit into the opportunities offered by a graduate education. The mentor emphasizes the importance of scholarship, and university life and offers guidance in career choices.

### **How to nominate an outstanding mentor**

Any graduate student may nominate his or her mentor/major advisor by submitting a nomination letter. The nomination letter must be accompanied by a supporting letter prepared by another graduate student. Each letter should include a detailed description/evidence of outstanding mentoring and outcomes and be submitted in print form using 12-point font or similar (not to exceed 3 pages). Submit the cover page and letters to the Office of the Graduate School, 617 Allen Hall, by no later than March 13, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

Please direct any inquires to the Office of the Graduate School, (662) 325-7400.

**Nomination Deadline: March 13, 2017**



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**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Department:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Supporter of nomination** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Nominator)*