

Award for Faculty Excellence in Mentoring Postdoctoral Scholars

Letter of Nomination Form

All individuals who completed their postdoctoral appointment at UCF are invited to nominate faculty mentors for this award. In addition, graduate faculty members may also nominate their peers who have shown an outstanding ability to mentor postdoctoral scholars to advance the scholars' careers.

Deadline: January 16, 2026

Your Mentor's Information

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Department: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Email Address: _____

Your Information

Your Name: _____ **Your Daytime Phone Number:** _____

Your Email Address: _____

If mentored by the nominee, date you completed your postdoctoral appointment at UCF: _____

How long have you worked with the nominee? _____

May we quote portions of your nomination letter? Yes No

Instructions for Nomination

The criteria to be assessed in making this award are as follows:

- How did the faculty mentor provide a supportive environment that facilitated the best performance and talents of their postdoctoral scholars?
- How did the faculty mentor prepare their postdoc to excel in their professional discipline? For example, how was the postdoc prepared to establish their own record of scholarly activity or performance, delivering conference presentations, and/or engaging in other professional development opportunities, obtaining external fellowships or grants, etc.?
- What other qualities did the faculty mentor display that contributed to their ability to be an outstanding mentor?
- Did the faculty mentor have a record of achievement in successfully mentoring their postdocs to further their careers as independent researchers?

Keeping the above criteria in mind, please describe why you have nominated the individual listed above, and how they fulfill the criteria of the award and demonstrates outstanding mentoring practices. Your letter of nomination should be no longer than 2 pages.

If you desire, you may solicit additional letters of support from other postdoctoral scholars (who are no longer mentored by the nominee) or faculty members familiar with your nominee's abilities to supplement your nomination letter. Have the secondary nominator submit this form in addition to their letter.

Please submit your nomination as an email attachment directly to:

John Weishampel
Interim Dean of the College of Graduate Studies
gradawards@ucf.edu

Letter of Nomination (Begin your letter below and submit this form and your letter as a single attachment):