

The 2025 Excellence in Postdoctoral Mentoring Award Announcement

The Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars (OGSPS) wants to acknowledge the essential role postdoctoral trainees play in our research, teaching, and engagement missions here at Purdue University.

The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) defines a mentor as:

"...a more senior individual who provides career and psychosocial support to a junior member of a given organization. Mentorships center on emotional commitment, which focuses on the protégé's personal and professional growth. Mentoring relationships, by nature, are reciprocal and more enduring than relationships with an academic advisor, supervisor, or dissertation chair."

If you know an amazing postdoc-mentor and would like to nominate this individual, follow these steps:

1. Gather all documents required for the nomination package:
 - a) Two nomination letters written by two different mentees
 - b) One recommendation letter from the postdoc-mentor's PI
 - c) Mentoring statement written by the nominee
2. Email the nomination package to ops@purdue.edu by the deadline.
 - *Only one nomination package is allowed per postdoctoral scholar*
 - *There is a 2-page limit for each document and the package must come as a single PDF*

**Nomination packages are due
NOON ET on Thursday, March 6**

The Top 5 winners will receive a special plaque to commemorate their achievement, and the TOP Mentor will receive a check for \$1,500! Winners will be notified by April 1st.

Questions? Email the Office for Postdoctoral Scholars at ops@purdue.edu