



## The Graduate School

### 2019 Graduate School Mentoring Award for Postdoctoral Trainees

The Graduate School wants to acknowledge the essential role postdoctoral trainees play in our research, teaching, and engagement missions here at Purdue University. If you work with a postdoc that has made a difference in your academic career and models the attributes of what we think great mentors should be, please consider nominating them for this inaugural award. Postdocs dedicate a great deal of time and energy in mentoring other postdocs, graduate students, and undergraduates whether this is in the lab, field, or classroom. Anyone can nominate a postdoc for this award (i.e., graduate students, undergraduates, staff, faculty, or other postdocs).

If you would like to nominate someone, the process is simple. Write a nomination letter that gives an example (or many) of how this postdoc has impacted you or others as a mentor. Mentoring can be related to research design and analysis, career and professional advice, or personal guidance. Please include the department(s) along with the program, lab group, or center in which they work. Submissions should be in a letter of 250-500 words and can be submitted by students, postdocs, faculty or staff. Collaboration on letters is welcome. Please visit the following link to submit a nomination: <https://tinyurl.com/yc5akoz8>

The Council of Graduate Schools defines mentoring as: "... a more senior individual who provides career and psychosocial support to a junior member of a given organization. Recently, mentors have been found to exist laterally, virtually, among peers, and with individuals outside of the professional context. Mentorships center on an emotional commitment, which focuses on the protégé's personal and professional growth. "

Nominations will be reviewed by a panel of faculty, postdocs, and graduate students.

Nominations are due March 28.<sup>th</sup> The winner will be announced on April 12<sup>th</sup> and recognized at the Graduate School Awards Banquet on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The winner will receive an award of \$1, 500. Winners will be notified by email and posted to the Graduate School Website.

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