***Grand Valley State University   
Outstanding Mentorship Award for Graduate Faculty***

The Graduate Student Association is proud to announce the Grand Valley State University Graduate Faculty Award for Outstanding Mentorship for Winter 2021. All graduate students within 2 semesters of earning a degree are invited to give their support to faculty members that they feel deserve special recognition for exemplary mentorship.

**Definition of a Mentor**: A faculty member who exemplifies a deep commitment to fostering the professional and personal development of graduate students. They have invested in the potential of students and went beyond the general advising role.

**Eligibility:**

Full-time regular faculty at GVSU engaged in graduate education

**Selection Process:** Graduate Student Association officers will evaluate nominations and applications, select finalists, and recommend one award winner to be presented at the Graduate Student Celebration held at the end of fall and winter semesters. Only one faculty member per graduate program will be selected.

**Nomination Form**

* Graduate students within 2 semesters of earning a graduate degree may nominate a faculty member for recognition at the Graduate Student Celebration should submit a letter of nomination (up to **250 words maximum**) and describe how the faculty member exemplifies the criteria for the award. You may also give specific examples of how the nominee has influenced your academic experience.
* Please complete this form and submit electronically, along with your nomination letter, to [gradschool@gvsu.edu](mailto:gradschool@gvsu.edu) by **Friday, April 2, 2021.**

**Faculty Mentorship Nominee Contact Information:**

Faculty/Staff Mentor Name:       Dept.:

Office Address:      Office Ph.:      E-mail:

**Graduate Student Nominator-/Mentee Contact Information:**

Student Name:       Degree Program:

Years in Program:      Part-time or Full Time Student?

Phone:       E-mail:       Alt. Phone or E-mail:

**Selection Committee Criteria**:

* Only one faculty member per graduate program will be selected.
* Multiple nominations for an individual faculty member will not be considered as criteria for receiving an award.
* Contributes to graduate student development by encouraging the development of individual talent through advising graduate level research and promoting professional development opportunities beyond the classroom.
* Assists in promoting successful transition from graduate studies to faculty positions or other employment.
* Sponsors students and their work in and beyond the campus community, including supporting student attendance and participation at conferences.
* Acts as an advocate and leader in administrative and professional matters, such as publishing, grant writing, presentation of research findings, post-doctoral options and job placement.
* Demonstrates respect and a sincere and active interest in the well-being of students.