



2026 Graduate Education Week Student Awards  
**Outstanding Mentor Notification Form**  
from the College of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Life Sciences | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Arts and Design   | <input type="checkbox"/> Pamplin College of Business       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Liberal Arts and Human Sciences | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources and Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary Medicine             |  |

*Note: Each college should inform its departments of the timeline to submit nominations to the college for review and selection of the outstanding mentor.*

Mentor’s name \_\_\_\_\_

College dean or designee name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of college dean or designee \_\_\_\_\_

*(Signature is required to confirm mentor as college’s winner)*

**SUGGESTED AWARD CRITERIA**

- Nomination should be initiated by a graduate student
- Full-time faculty member who has successfully mentored graduate students
- Strong commitment to and reputation for facilitating student learning
- Establishment and maintenance of high and inclusive academic standards in the classroom, research laboratory, performance setting, and beyond
- Positive role modeling as a professional with deep personal integrity and high ethical standards
- Consistent guidance of students regarding resources within and outside the university
- Substantial influence on the academic and professional pursuits of students
- Other criteria established by college

**NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS/CHECKLIST**

- Completed notification form
- Summary of nominations/recommendations from current or former graduate students (maximum one page per student, maximum five total)
- A summary of the winner’s qualifications for the award (submitted on the survey)

**Submit final selections through the following form:**

<https://virginiatech.questionpro.com/college26>

**Deadline: February 13, 2026**

For more information or assistance, contact the Graduate School at 540-231-9561 or email [grads@vt.edu](mailto:grads@vt.edu)  
(type GEW Awards in the subject line.)

*The Graduate School will present a certificate to the mentor during*

**Graduate Education Week, March 23-27, 2026.**

*The Graduate School will send an announcement about the winners to VT News and various VT social media.*