Department of Physics

Graduate Student Service Awards

1. **OutReach for the Stars Award**: Awarded to a graduate student that has made an effort to bring services or information about Physics (or other STEM fields) to people where those services and/or information are lacking or non-existent. Two awards per academic year.

2. **Mentoring Matters Award**: Awarded to a graduate student that has dedicated his/her time to mentor (advise and/or tutor) another student in Physics (or other STEM fields) thus building a relationship that will play an important role in the student’s career development. One award per academic year.

3. **Above and Beyond Award**: Awarded to a graduate student that has demonstrated actions that go above and beyond the call of duty. The student may have volunteered his/her time in the service of others, be part of an organization that helps and/or represents the graduate student body and/or performed a task in the service of their community. One award per academic year.

**Eligibility:**

- Open to all Physics graduate students in good standing at the time of nomination and that have not been awarded the same award in the last academic year.

**Nomination Process - All Physics Graduate Students may self-nominate for these awards.** In addition:

- Physics, or Physics affiliated, faculty may nominate students for the OutReach for the Stars Award or provide a letter of support for a student's self-nomination (2 maximum awarded)
- Physics undergraduate and/or graduate students may nominate for the Mentoring Matters Award or provide a letter of support for a student's self-nomination (1 maximum awarded)
- Physics administration and/or staff may nominate for the Above and Beyond Award or provide a letter of support for a student's self-nomination (1 maximum awarded)
- On March 1st, the link to the nomination form will be posted on the Physics website homepage.
- The nomination form must be completed and submitted online by the March 31st deadline.
- The nominator must not be related to the nominee.

**Selection Process:**

The Physics Academic Program Team and Department Chair will review the nominations and select the awardees by the April 1st deadline.

**Deadlines:**

- Nominations in March (March 1st-31st)
- Awardee selection on April 1st
- Awardee announcement on April 15th
- Luncheon one week from announcement (April 16th – April 20th)

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