

**Department of Physics**  
**Graduate Student Service Awards**

1. **outReach for the Stars Award:** Awarded to a graduate student who 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 who 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 who 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:**

- Physics, or Physics affiliated, faculty, administration, staff, graduate and undergraduate students may nominate a Physics Graduate Student for one or more of the Graduate Student Service Awards.
- On March 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 31<sup>st</sup>** 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 before April **26th**.

**Deadlines:**

- Nominations in March (March 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>)
- Awardee selection between April 1<sup>st</sup> and April **21<sup>st</sup>**
- Awardee announcement **before final examination period or by April 25<sup>th</sup>**
- Luncheon one week from announcement (**Note:** A luncheon will not be held this semester. Instead, selected students will receive a monetary award.)

Please contact [soto@ucf.edu](mailto:soto@ucf.edu) if you have questions or concerns.