Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools

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2027 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

The Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools is pleased to announce the Excellence in Teaching Award in recognition of graduate students who exemplify excellence in the teaching and learning mission of our universities. Two awards have been created to recognize the importance of excellence in teaching and mentoring as a component of graduate education and the preparation of graduate students for future service as college and university faculty. One award will be given to a doctoral student and one to a master's student. Each award includes a citation and a $750 honorarium that will be presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools (MAGS).

The MAGS Excellence in Teaching Award competition is open to all graduate students with teaching responsibilities enrolled in a member institution during the calendar year 2026. Institutions are restricted to one nomination of a doctoral student and one nomination of a master's student. Following formal institutional review and selection, nomination(s) must be submitted by the Dean of the Graduate School/College (or designee) using the enclosed application form. Nominations must include a letter of nomination from the department head, a signature of endorsement from the Dean of the Graduate School/College (on the nomination form), the nominee's teaching portfolio (including a link to the teaching video), and current curriculum vitae. Excluding the nomination form, the letter of nomination, and curriculum vitae, the nominee's teaching portfolio only is limited to six (6) pages double spaced, 1 inch margins, with a 12- point font.

Nominations must be submitted as a single PDF document, with an embedded link to the teaching video. All materials must be submitted via this form **2027 MAGS EiT Submission** electronically to the MAGS Excellence in Teaching Award Committee by 11:59 p.m. (CST), **Friday January 15, 2027**. The nomination process is via a Google form, and nominators will attach the PDF to the form.

It is expected that the winner's institution will cover any travel expenses which exceed the $500 provided by MAGS for the awardee to attend the meeting and receive the award. The faculty mentor or thesis advisor will also be invited to attend the presentation ceremony, but their expenses will not be covered.

Please direct questions by contacting Stefanie Baier, chairperson of the Teaching Awards Committee by emailing your question(s) to stbaier@msu.edu.