College of Engineering
Mentoring Excellence Award

Purpose: The purpose of this award is to recognize excellence by faculty in the College of Engineering in the mentoring of graduate students, post doctorate staff or junior faculty.

Eligibility: Any faculty member with at least a half-time appointment in the College of Engineering who has not received this award within the past five years.

Mentors, according to The Council of Graduate Schools, are: supporters, tutors, masters, sponsors, and models of identity (Zelditch, 1990). The nomination document for this award should address how the nominee has demonstrated excellence in expressing these qualities in their mentoring relationships. The criteria for recognition will include indications of the scope and impact of the mentorship in the following areas:

Criteria:
- Quality: nurturing of the intellectual, professional, and personal development of the mentee(s). Specific evidence of the career and contribution paths of mentees is necessary.
- Diversity: nurturing mentees to have a global impact in a dynamic global society.
- Overall Contribution: making a difference in the world, as detailed by the entire portfolio of mentorship. Evidence of the mentor inspiring success ubiquitously and to a substantial extent is appreciated. Particular instances of the mentor tailoring their mentoring style and content for individual mentees are encouraged.

Procedures:
- Candidates may be nominated by any Purdue engineering faculty member or former graduate student or post doctorate staff member of the nominee. Documentation must not exceed two pages for the nomination and a maximum of four letters of support, not longer than one page each. Half of the letters should be from faculty or former graduate students or post doctorate staff who have been successfully mentored by the nominee, and half from Purdue faculty who have observed the mentoring by the nominee and will comment about its style and effectiveness. Letters of support and an NSF two-page bio should be incorporated directly into the nomination file. A complete curriculum vitae is to be submitted separately.
- Awardees will receive a cash award of $2,500, an individual plaque, and will be honored during the annual faculty awards banquet.
- If multiple nominations for one individual are received, the nominators will be contacted and asked to collaborate in order to submit one nomination package.