College of Engineering
Undergraduate Advising Excellence Award

Purpose: The purpose of this award is to recognize excellence by faculty in the College of Engineering in the advising of undergraduate students.

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.

The scope and impact of nurturing: 1) students to successful professional careers with especially cogent personal or academic advising; and 2) leadership in an engineering student organization(s) to create and/or sustain a climate that empowers the organization’s members to effectively team and to develop leadership and communication skills for their professional careers. Documented evidence of effectively nurturing the professional and personal growth of students is the primary desired characteristic of the faculty member nominated for this award.

Criteria:
If the nomination is for personal or academic advising, the criteria for recognition will include:
- Timely progression of the students through their academic careers
- The students’ realization of their potential through the advisor’s guidance in shaping the students’ academic programs
- The advisor’s ability to handle exceptional situations requiring thoughtful, and often creative, solutions to assist students in working around problems and make progress in the students' program of study. The advisor’s ability to quickly understand the uniqueness of a situation and find a solution.

If the nomination is for advising a student organization, the criteria for recognition will include:
- The impact of that organization’s programs on both its members and on other campus organizations
- The involvement of the organization within the broader community outside the College and University
- The leadership of the local chapter within its national organization (when applicable).

Procedures:
- Candidates may be nominated by any faculty or staff member, alumni/ae or student of the College of Engineering. 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 former students or organizations that the nominee has effectively advised. 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.