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2025 Distinguished Mentor Award Nomination Cover Sheet

Nomination Procedure:

Nominations may be submitted by current and former graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and faculty. **Please note:** Nomination materials should be submitted in one pdf file to ensure no required material is missing. **Nomination Packets are due by February 14, 2025.** Nominations can be submitted to postdocs@gradschool.utah.edu. **This nomination form is fillable and works best with Adobe reader.**

Nominator Name(s):

Nominees Name:

Nominees Rank:

Nominees Department:

Number of graduate students and postdocs mentored by the nominee:

Nominees Self-identification to underrepresented group, if desired: Yes: , self-identify as

No:

Using the space below, please summarize the outstanding work and sustained contributions that demonstrate the nominee's commitment to mentoring above and beyond the usual levels of excellent mentorship expected at the University of Utah. Please address the five review criteria individually.

- This candidate creates a supportive environment for research, scholarship, and/or artistic production
- This candidate provides intellectual leadership and models excellence in scholarship
- This candidate promotes a culture of inclusivity and supports diverse trainees
- This candidate advocates for trainee success, helping them overcome barriers
- This candidate demonstrates leadership and initiative at the program level to improve access to and quality of mentorship for trainees

Nominees, please be explicit about publishing with trainees and putting this into context in the field (i.e., all my publications include trainees, this is common practice in the field, vs half of my publications include trainees, and it is rare to include a trainee on a publication in the field).

Type or Copy & Paste Text Below

Nomination checklist: All items listed below need to be submitted in one PDF file by the due date in order for a nomination to be considered. Please ensure that all files are compiled into the PDF in the following order.

1. A cover sheet
2. Nominating letter (3 pages maximum) addressing the outstanding work and sustained contribution of the nominees mentoring efforts go above and beyond the usual levels of excellent mentorship that is expected of all Ph.D. and postdoctoral mentors at the University of Utah.
3. Current curriculum vitae for the nominee (5 pages maximum). The CV should include material that is mentoring focused, including a list of past graduate students/ postdoctoral scholars with their placement/position upon leaving the University of Utah.
4. At least three, but not more than five, additional letters of support from colleagues and former Ph. D. students, MS Students, and postdoctoral scholars. At least two of these letters should be from current or former mentees.

Names of the letter writers:

5. A letter from the Department Chair or Dean supporting and evaluating the nomination. This letter should address the unique and outstanding aspects of the nominee's work including efforts to increase equity and diversity, inclusivity, leadership, and initiative at the programmatic or community level, etc.