

GRADUATE ASSISTANT MERITORIOUS TEACHING AWARDS

Nominations are sought for the annual Graduate Assistant Meritorious Teaching Awards. These awards acknowledge the importance of the instructional enterprise in the transmission, creation, and application of advanced knowledge by the university. Two awards are made annually to outstanding graduate teaching assistants (TAs) for their skill in transmitting knowledge in the classroom or laboratory.

The Awards:

- Two \$500 awards

Eligibility:

- Must have had major responsibility for teaching a lecture or laboratory course
- Must have completed at least one full term of teaching
- Must have the support of the department offering the course

Application Process:

- Candidates are nominated by faculty, students, or alumni by filling out the Nomination Form and submitting it with required documentation, to the Dean of the College in which the student is teaching. Deans will determine the means of selecting no more than two nominations to be forwarded to the Graduate School from that college. **EXCEPTION:** The College of Arts and Sciences may forward two nominees from each of the following subdivisions: 1) natural, physical, biological, and mathematical sciences; and 2) humanities and social sciences.
- The selected nominations from each of the colleges or schools are sent to the Teaching Awards Committee appointed by the Vice Provost for Graduate Studies.
- The Awards Committee will review all nominees on the following criteria:
 - 1) Innovative and/or creative approaches to teaching
 - 2) Impact of the TA upon student attitudes and/or learning skills
 - 3) Assessment by faculty supervisors and/or others familiar with the TA's teaching ability
 - 4) Evidence of the TA's potential as a scholar
- **No teaching award may be made to the same individual more than once in a six-year period.**

Nomination Form:

- The form is available on the web at http://www.memphis.edu/gradschool/ga_awards_fellowships/gaaward.php or in the Graduate School, 215 Administration Building.

Deadline:

- All supporting documents (see "Documentation Required for Graduate Awards" Chart) from the College Deans must be in the Graduate School, 215 Administration Building, by **March 10, 2010**. Applications should be turned in to the department or college EARLIER so the department/college can meet the Graduate School deadline.