



Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Nomination

Teaching Excellence Student: _____

Department: _____

Departmental College Contact : _____

Departmental College Contact E-mail: _____

Semester(s) in which teaching occurred: _____

AWARD CRITERIA

- Teaching must have been done at Virginia Tech by full-time or part-time GTA for at least a full semester or summer term in 2009 (P14 or wage appointments are not eligible.)
- Nominee must be enrolled at the time of the nomination
- Good teaching as evidenced by
 - Thorough knowledge of the subject matter
 - Effective communication skills
 - Enthusiasm for the subject
 - Ability to motivate students to learn
 - Effective organizational skills
 - Learner centered pedagogy
- Only one nomination per department or program
- Demonstrated evidence of participation in teaching effectiveness seminars, classes or FDI programs

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed nomination form
- Two recommendation addressing criteria of good teaching
 - One from a supervising faculty member
 - One from faculty or staff member, or graduate student who has observed the nominee's teaching skills
- Student evaluations (summaries)
- Statement of personal teaching philosophy from the nominee – maximum two pages
- Evidence that the nominee has had sufficient teaching duties to demonstrate criteria of good teaching
- Up to 4-page student curriculum vitae from the nominee highlighting information relevant to teaching excellence
- The entire nomination packet may not exceed 30 pages
- Please send as PDF file

Return form and supporting documents to the Graduate School or send as PDF file to grads@vt.edu by **February 5, 2010 at 5PM.**

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