

Nominations for Graduate Faculty Member of the Year Award

Deadline: April 15th, 2026

Please consider nominating a colleague or professor for the **2026 Graduate School Faculty Member of the Year Award**. The selection criteria for the award competition appear below. Faculty members working in both the master's programs and the Ph.D. programs in the graduate school are eligible. Recipients of this award include:

Gunes Tezcur, Political Science
Peter Schraeder, Political Science
E. J. Neafsey, Neuroscience
Theodore Karamanski, History
Philip Nyden, Sociology
John Frenndreis, Political Science
Sheryl Beck, Pharmacology
Paul Jay, English
Grayson Holmbeck, Psychology
Linda Stroh, WorkPlace Studies
Diane Boyer, Nursing
Scott Tindale, Psychology

Patricia Mooney-Melvin, History
Duarte Mota de Freitas, Chemistry
Katherine Knight, Microbiology
Thomas Kaminski, English,
Alan J. Wolfe, Microbiology
Ida Androwich, Nursing
Pamela Caughie, English,
David Ingram, Philosophy (2014)
Ruben Mestril, Physiology (2015)
David Embrick, Sociology (2016)
Tom Gallagher, Microbiology (2017)
Kelly Moore, Sociology (2018)

Kayhan Parsi, Bioethics (2019)
Katherine Tyson McCrea, Social Work (2020)
Emily Anderson, Bioethics (2021)
Joy Gordon, Philosophy (2022)
Karen Visick, Microbiology (2023)
Terry Grand, Biology (2024)
Daniel Killelea, Chemistry (2025)

To nominate a member of the Graduate School faculty for this award, please send a letter of nomination discussing the nominee in light of the selection criteria (listed below), along with the nominee's current curriculum vitae, to: **Awards Committee Chair at CGSP-Awards@luc.edu**.

The Awards Committee of the Council of Graduate School Programs will review the nominations and make the final selection. The Graduate Faculty Member of the Year will be announced by the end of August and it will be presented during the Faculty Convocation ceremony in the Fall semester. The recipient will receive a plaque and a \$500 honorarium.

Please note paper copies will not be accepted.

CRITERIA FOR GRADUATE FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

1. Consistently significant commitment to the education of Graduate School students, including, among other activities, teaching graduate courses, mentoring graduate students, and directing dissertation or thesis research.
2. Evidence of continued research, publication, or work relevant to one's field, as recognized by colleagues inside and outside the university, as well as evidence of professional development in areas relevant to graduate education.
3. Service to the Graduate School in the form of committee participation, service to the graduate program of which the recipient is a member (e.g., serving on the department's graduate program committee or as Graduate Program Director).
4. Strong professional commitment to the goals of integrating teaching and research.
5. Articulate spokesperson of the university's mission as it relates to graduate education.