

**Call for Nominations**  
**UNL Office of Graduate Studies**  
**2009 Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award**

**Submit nominations for this award online by October 8**  
<http://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/facstaff/nominations.shtml>

The Office of Graduate Studies recognizes the valuable role that graduate teaching assistants play in enhancing undergraduate learning at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award honors graduate teaching assistants who have demonstrated special effectiveness in teaching undergraduates in a variety of settings.

Recipient(s) will be honored at an awards reception and will receive a plaque and a cash award of \$1,000.00.

**Eligibility:**

1. All current graduate teaching assistants at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are eligible for this award.
2. The student must have demonstrated superior teaching skills while serving as an instructor of the classroom or laboratory.
3. The student must have had significant teaching responsibilities for at least two semesters since January 2006.
4. Previous recipients of this award are not eligible.
5. Awards will be made on the basis of a) demonstrated excellence in the classroom, laboratory, or studio based on course evaluations and the nomination letter; b) description of innovative or creative teaching techniques, technologies, and methods; and/or c) interest in professional development as a teacher as evidenced by publications related to teaching, attendance at teaching conferences or research conferences with teaching tracts, attendance at local workshops or teaching enhancement activities on campus sponsored by the Office of Graduate Studies or the nominee's individual department.

**Nomination Timeline:**

1. Submit online nomination form by **October 8**.
2. The nominee will be contacted to submit supporting materials by **October 29**.
3. Individuals must be nominated by tenure-line faculty members.

**Each nominator must submit:**

1. Online nomination form; and
2. Letter of nomination no more than two pages from a faculty member qualified to assess the GTA's teaching (this letter is important in helping the awards committee determine the nominee's qualifications).

**Each nominee must submit:**

1. One-page statement of teaching philosophy;
2. One-page **summary** of the nominee's teaching evaluations from at least two courses or labs (both qualitative & quantitative); and
3. Two-page vita including descriptions of any creative teaching materials developed, exceptional instructional responsibilities, or innovative instructional techniques used.

NOTE: No videos, binders, or other materials will be accepted.

