

In partnership with the California Alumni Association, the Graduate Council's Advisory Committee for GSI Affairs and the Graduate Division's GSI Teaching and Resource Center are pleased to announce the 2008 Faculty Award for Outstanding Mentorship of GSIs. This award recognizes faculty (*including both Senate and non-Senate faculty*) who have provided GSIs outstanding mentorship in teaching at Berkeley and preparation for the teaching graduate students may do in future careers.

TYPES OF AWARDS

Up to three awards of \$1000 each will be given. Awards will typically be presented to faculty members mentoring GSIs in multi-section courses, in stand-alone courses (*e.g., foreign language or reading and composition courses*), or through the teaching of a 300-level course. In those cases in which a faculty member is nominated for an outstanding 300-level course, nominations will be accepted from students who have taken the course. The syllabus from the course should be included with the letter of nomination.

NOMINATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

Nominations are sought from GSIs. GSIs may nominate a faculty member for this award by submitting a letter (*maximum of two, single-spaced, typed pages*) to the GSI Teaching and Resource Center describing the mentoring contributions made by the faculty member. A letter of support may also be submitted by the departmental chair. The nomination letters should give a rationale for why the faculty member should receive the award and should address:

- how the faculty member has contributed to the development of skills needed by GSIs to teach effectively at Berkeley and in future careers (*please give specific examples*);
- the overall quality of the faculty member's mentorship of GSIs, i.e., what it is about this faculty member that makes her/him such a good mentor of GSIs.

In determining award recipients, the committee may also consider the following:

- articulation of GSI roles and responsibilities;
- quality and frequency of meetings with GSIs;
- discussion of pedagogical issues and ways to teach specific topics;
- feedback to GSIs on their teaching (*e.g., classroom observation, review of mid-semester evaluations*);
- promotion of critical thinking as related to teaching;
- incorporation of GSI input on essay topics, exam questions, lectures, etc.;
- development of knowledge needed by instructors to foster student welfare and an ethical educational environment;
- the quality of the 300-level course for which a faculty member has been nominated.

The Graduate Council's Advisory Committee for GSI Affairs will review the nominations and select the recipients of the award. Each faculty member selected by the Committee will be asked to submit a one- to two-page statement describing his or her mentoring philosophy and the steps he or she has taken to mentor GSIs.

Essays describing the recipients' mentoring philosophies and, when applicable, award-winning 300-level course syllabi will be published on the GSI Teaching and Resource Center's Web site. Recipients of the award will be honored at an award ceremony in May.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

- Nominations should come directly from GSIs. Letters of support from departmental chairs may also be included.
- GSIs can submit nominations either individually or jointly with other GSIs who have been mentored by the faculty member. **Please note, when submitting a nomination letter jointly with other GSIs, each GSI must sign the nomination letter and submit his or her own cover sheet via email to gsi@berkeley.edu.**
- If submitting a nomination for a faculty member who has taught an outstanding 300-level course, please attach a copy of the 300-level course syllabus. Nominations should come from students who have taken the course.
- Nomination letters must be in 12-point font and cannot exceed two single-spaced pages.
- **Deadline for nomination letters to be received is March 10, 2008, 4:00 P.M.**
- Late submissions will not be considered.

All nomination letters and cover sheets should be submitted to the GSI Teaching & Resource Center, 301 Sproul Hall #5900.

The California Alumni Association (CAA) and the Graduate Division seek to honor a long tradition of outstanding instructors and their mentors at Berkeley. For alumni, connection with their teachers and mentors is often the most memorable positive experience of their time at Berkeley. To preserve that valuable connection and its importance in the University, the CAA and the Graduate Division have become partners in this award.



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COVER SHEET

Submit nomination letters and completed cover sheets to the GSI Teaching and Resource Center, 301 Sproul Hall #5900, by 4:00 P.M. on Monday, March 10, 2008. GSIs may submit individual letters for a faculty member or one jointly written letter. Please note, when submitting a jointly written letter of nomination, each individual GSI who is part of the nomination must sign the letter and submit his or her own cover sheet.

1. Name and home department of faculty member you are nominating:

2. Were you a GSI in a course (or courses) taught or coordinated by this faculty member? _____

If so, please indicate the specific courses and semesters:

Department _____ Course Number _____ Department _____ Course Number _____
Semester _____ Year _____ Semester _____ Year _____
Number of GSIs teaching in the course _____ Number of GSIs teaching in the course _____

3. If you are nominating this faculty member for an outstanding 300-level course, please include the course syllabus with your nomination letter and indicate in which semester you took the course.

Department _____ Course Number _____
Semester _____ Year _____

4. Your name: _____

5. Home department: _____

6. Campus address: _____

7. E-mail: _____

8. Are you submitting this nomination jointly with other GSIs? _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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