**UNK Faculty Mentor of the Year Award**

The Faculty Mentor of the Year Award recognizes a graduate faculty who has engaged in exceptional mentoring of bachelor and/or post-bachelor scholars. The recipient of this award must demonstrate a desire to encourage and implement practices that enhance their mentee’s networking and career planning skills, make an active effort to help them develop professionally, and guide them towards their future career goal attainment.

Deadlines: March 1, 2024.

Nominate a colleague or self-nominate by completing the form and application documents provided by the due date to the UNK Office of Graduate Studies & Academic Innovation at **unkgradoffice@unk.edu**

Eligibility

The Nominee must be an UNK faculty member who is engaged in mentoring students in their research and/or creative activity efforts.  The faculty member must show student research/creative activity success and be engaged in all phases of the process. Student research/creative activity efforts must result in a presentation, publication, or some other appropriate dissemination.

*Note:* Student research/creative activity projects may begin as a part of a course or degree program requirement. Nevertheless, the project must extend beyond the limits of the course or degree requirements. For example, the student may develop a paper on a topic that is of such exemplary quality or importance that it should be disseminated to a broader audience. If the student were willing to do so, the work required for publication would go beyond the normal parameters of a course or degree program. The same interpretation would also be applied to research/creative activity projects.

**Criteria For Nomination and Review:**

Applications will be reviewed and selected by the Dean’s and the Graduate Council. The following selection criteria will be considered.

1. Faculty mentored projects, defied as projects in which faculty and students have collaborated in all three of the following project stages:
2. Initial idea generation
3. Research or creative activity generation
4. Compilation of the final presentation of the project

*Note:* *It is recognized that students may become involved in a mentor’s contributing project. However, within that paradigm, the student and mentor will collaborate at all three stages for the specific project.*

1. Projects documented significance or value as demonstrated by external evaluation. External evaluation will be defined as a project that are disseminated by one of the following methods:
2. Thesis
3. Publication
4. Publication in a refereed journal
5. Invited publication in a journal.
6. Invited publication in a book.
7. Invited publication of pedagogical materials
8. Presentation
9. Presentation at a national, regional, or state conference (refereed)
10. Maximum of three letter of support from students
11. Maximum of two letters of support from peers and one from the nominee’s

 department chair

1. Evidence of previous faculty mentored projects that meet the criteria.

1. Involvement in mentorships of student projects which meet the criteria of external evaluation.
2. Letters of support from former students mentored.
3. Evidence of student projects may include (but is not limited to):
	* + 1. Copies of student presentations including reference to date, location, and audience
			2. Copies of publications including bibliographic information regarding publication
			3. Media based documentation of completed projects and a description of how the project was presented or used.

**Faculty Research/Creative Activity**

**Mentor of the Year Award**

The Office of Graduate Studies and Academic Innovation kindly requests nominations for the Faculty Research/Creative Activity Mentor of the year award.  Eligibility requirements are listed below.  Please email nominations of a peer or yourself by the due date specified to unkgradoffice@unk.edu.

Individuals nominated will be notified and the following items requested for submission reviewed by the Dean’s council, and Graduate Council. The award winner will be announced at the UNK Student Research Day in the Spring.  All documents must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies and Academic Innovation by the due date specified to be eligible for review.

**Please include the following items within your submission:**

Application form

Cover letter

Current Abbreviated Vita

Attachments of evidence of mentored involvement (Minimum of 3)

Letters of support from former students mentored by the faculty member or peer, administrator.

**Submission Process:**

All documents shall be submitted at one time and sent via email to unkgradoffice@unk.edu.

**Faculty Research/Creative Activity**

**Mentor of the Year Award Application Form**

**Mark One:** Submission considered for

 Graduate Faculty Mentor Award Undergraduate Faculty Mentor Award





**Faculty Member Name:**

**Department:**

**Phone:** **Email:**

***List of Mentored Students, Projects, Outcomes, Dates Mentored***

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| Students Name  | Project Title  | Project Outcome (Journal Article, Presentation..)  | Date  |
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