The criteria for this award are as follows:

1. The nominated faculty member must be a member of the graduate faculty of the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

2. Nominated faculty must show evidence of having mentored at least three student projects.

3. Faculty mentored student projects of research, scholarship, or creative activity are defined as projects which the faculty member mentored and/or collaborated with the student in all three of the following stages of the project:
   a) Generation and articulation of the initial idea.
   b) Development and implementation of the research, scholarship, or creative activity.
   c) Compilation and dissemination of the final presentation of the project.

4. Student projects of research and scholarship may begin as course or degree program required work, but must extend beyond the limits of these requirements. “Extending beyond the limits” means work done in a course or degree program that is evaluated by the faculty as exhibiting quality beyond that necessary for successful completion of the course or degree program and which results in a presentation, publication, or other appropriate dissemination beyond the UNK campus. It may also mean work that continues beyond the conclusion of the course or degree program and which results in a presentation, or other appropriate dissemination beyond the UNK campus.

5. To qualify, projects must be of value and significance, presented to the public, and subject to external evaluation. External evaluation means evaluation beyond that of the mentor and/or the mentor’s department. Examples of evaluated formats include, but are not limited to:
   a) Publications that are acceptable include the following types:
      • Refereed journals
      • Non-refereed journals
      • Invited publications in texts
      • Pedagogically oriented materials
b) Presentations that are acceptable include the following types (either refereed or invited):
   • National conferences
   • Regional conferences
   • State conferences

c) Recitals, displays of art, or other types of creativity, etc. Recitals and displays that are acceptable include those judged by external jurors.

d) Faculty may be nominated by: themselves, their peers, their department chair, the Dean of the College, and the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Faculty who are nominated for this award will be contacted and are responsible for providing all necessary materials to document that they meet the above qualification criteria.

Persons nominating faculty for this award must attach a letter of recommendation to this nomination form.

Please submit all nomination materials to the Dean, Office of Graduate Studies by February 19, 2021.

The signature below acknowledges receipt of this nomination:

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Dean, Graduate Studies                      Date