

Alumni Association Distinguished Graduate Professorship

The Alumni Association Distinguished Graduate Professorship recognizes outstanding graduate-level teaching at NC State University and honors those who go beyond standard advisory roles and actively shape the next generation of researchers, innovators and academic leaders. The award is \$4,000. For more information and resources, please visit the [Alumni Association Distinguished Graduate Professorship Resource Center](#).

Graduate School Awards: Nomination Process

The Dean of the Graduate School typically issues a call for nominations in December, though the exact timing varies annually. The College of Engineering is allowed to submit **two nominations**.

College of Engineering: Nomination Process

The associate dean requests no more than two nominations from each department, and if more than the allowed two nominations are received from the college, the associate dean will appoint a committee to make the final selections that will be forwarded to the Graduate School.

College Deadline: **January 2027** (pending official call from the Graduate School)

Limits: 2 department nominations, 2 college limit nominations

College Submissions: [College of Engineering Internal Awards Submission form](#).

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Nomination Package Requirements

Each nomination package must include the following components:

- **Letter of Recommendation (3-page maximum):** A letter from the Department Head/Chair or the Director of Graduate Programs, supporting the College's selection(s).
- **Abbreviated Vita (5-page maximum):** This should focus on contributions to graduate teaching, mentoring, course creation and program engagement.
- **Synopsis of Significant Curricular Contributions (3-page total maximum):** Detail involvement in developing graduate courses and curricula, graduate courses taught, participation in courses at other universities and contributions to interdisciplinary efforts.

- **Letters of Reference from Students (3 one-page letters maximum):** Letters from current and former students directly addressing the faculty member's teaching, research and mentorship in graduate education.
- **Letters of Reference from NC State or External References (2 two-page maximum):** Letters from individuals who can speak to the nominee's impact on graduate education at NC State or their impact at a national or international level.
- **Summary of Graduate Student Contributions (3-page maximum):** A summary of significant contributions from up to five of the nominee's NC State graduate students.