

Outstanding Graduate Assistant Awards

The Graduate School wants to recognize the outstanding contributions graduate assistants provide in supportive roles to students, faculty, staff, and the university as a whole while pursuing graduate studies. Established in 2019, the awards showcase and celebrate the hard work, dedication, and impact of Georgia College & State University graduate students.

Award Package – \$200 from the Georgia College & State University Foundation, framed certificate, and a swag gift bag.

Eligibility

Graduate assistants must be currently enrolled in a graduate degree program, in good academic standing, and be registered in a minimum of six graduate credit hours.

Nomination & Selection

The colleges, schools, and service departments nominate graduate assistants based on a set criteria. A nominator may choose eligible graduate assistants in their area or other areas on campus.

Nominators take into consideration the following criteria in selecting graduate assistants. Some criteria may not be applicable according to a student's graduate assistantship position.

- Demonstrated excellence in position and good work ethic. Attitude and performance goes beyond the job requirement. Takes on responsibilities beyond the job requirements. For example, supervises and/or mentors other student workers and graduate assistants.
- Has made important contributions to the faculty member's research or department's
 operation. For example, scholarly achievements such as publications, conference attendance
 and presentations, program or service related activities that promotes a positive impact at the
 university or within the community, etc. (not the sole criteria for selection)
- Evidence of future promise as a professional in chosen career field

The selection of award recipients is completed by the Graduate Assistant Awards Committee.

Timeline

Online nomination form opens	January
Nomination deadline	March
Notification of award to recipients	March
Recipients recognized at The Graduate School's Annual Spring Reception	April

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