

UNIVERSITY LEVEL OUTSTANDING GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD

2008 Award Guidelines

The purpose of this award is to recognize a Graduate Teaching Assistant who has demonstrated exceptional skill in teaching and has been employed by Southern Illinois University Carbondale for at least six (6) months.

One important goal of the SIUC Excellence Through Commitment Awards program is to recognize and reward teaching excellence so that the University can cultivate and nurture an environment of learning in which high-quality teaching is acknowledged as the standard of performance. In establishing this award for excellence in teaching, the University will recognize exceptional performance in the classroom, innovation, and commitment to student learning.

Award Criteria

- A. Letter of nomination from the Dean including the criteria followed in selecting the nominee.
- B. Nominee's statement of philosophy of teaching not to exceed 500 words.
- C. Teaching assignment for all semesters including course numbers and class sizes.
- D. Additional materials (10 pages maximum) that document teaching activities and quality such as a summary of student evaluations of teaching; syllabi (or excerpts) with discussion of important features of course design; summary of technological innovations used in teaching; abstracts of journal articles, books, and grants related to teaching; etc.
- E. Up to six (6) supporting letters of no more than two type-written pages each. Letters can be from individuals within and external to SIUC.
- F. Nominee's biographical sketch.
- G. Nominee's current curriculum vitae in standard university format.

Final Selection

- Nomination materials for the **University Level Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award** should be submitted by the Dean of the academic unit in an electronic format to awards@siu.edu or CD-ROM to the Office of the **Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, Anthony Hall Room 104 by Friday, January 18, 2008**.
- The Undergraduate Teaching and Curriculum Committee will review the nominations and select the individual to receive the award.