

## **Dean's Award for Excellence in Mentorship**

**Purpose:** The Dean's Excellence in Mentorship Award recognizes full-time regular faculty members of UAB who have demonstrated exceptional accomplishments as mentors of graduate students and / or postdoctoral fellows.

**Award:** Each recipient will be presented with a framed certificate that recognizes his / her receipt of the award. In addition, each honoree will receive a bound compilation of support letters that will serve as a documentary of his / her mentoring accomplishments. Information about the award recipients will be publicized in the UAB Reporter, on the Graduate School web site and through other appropriate media.

**Eligibility:** Eligibility is limited to full-time UAB faculty members who hold a primary appointment in one of the twelve schools other than the Graduate School, or in a Joint Health Sciences department. The individual must have held faculty status at UAB for a minimum of three years and may receive the award only once in any three-year period.

**Criteria for Selection:** The awards shall be based solely on outstanding accomplishments in mentoring as demonstrated by any or all of the following:

- Ability to inspire and motivate students and / or postdoctoral fellows through research activities, grant support, and publications
- Promotion of ethical and professional values and behavior among students and / or fellows
- Ability to create a collaborative and constructive atmosphere for the training of students and / or fellows
- Ability to infuse students and / or fellows with a commitment to life-long learning and professional development
- Demonstration of supportive and open-minded attitude regarding the career development of students and / or fellows
- Serving as an outstanding role model for students and / or fellows in their performance of scholarly activities and service

**Procedure for Nomination:** Any member of the graduate student body, postdoctoral association, faculty, or alumni may make a nomination by completing and submitting, by the announced deadline, a nomination package consisting of: 1) a nomination form; 2) an abbreviated biographical sketch of the nominee limited to three pages; 3) a list of current and former UAB graduate students and postdoctoral fellows trainees, their current status, and other achievements (if applicable); and 4) letters of support from current and former trainees; minimum of 3 letters required.

The documentation submitted must clearly demonstrate that the nominee meets the selection criteria and eligibility requirements.