

NOMINATIONS FOR 2020-2021 GSA GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS ARE NOW OPEN!

We are now accepting nominations for graduate student awards for the academic year 2020-2021. Nominations are due by Monday, April 19th, 2021 by 11:59 PM.

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) is honoring graduate students for their work in teaching, public service, academic research, applied research, and inclusive excellence. Each recipient will be given \$200 in gift cards as recognition for their accomplishments and efforts. \$2,600 (enough for 13 recipients) has been allocated from the GSA Grants and Award Committee Budget. All currently enrolled graduate students, excluding the Grants and Awards Committee Chair, are eligible for nomination. Self-nomination is not permitted. The five award categories are:

- **Excellence in Academic Research Award**

Open to ESF faculty and graduate students to nominate graduate students for their accomplishments in academic research.

- **Excellence in Applied Research Award**

Open to ESF faculty and graduate students to nominate graduate students for their accomplishments in applied and actionable research and projects.

- **Excellence in Public Service Award**

Open to the entire ESF community to nominate graduate students committed to public services on campus and beyond.

- **Excellence in Teaching Award**

Open to the entire ESF community to nominate graduate students for the 2020-2021 academic year. Undergraduate students are encouraged to submit nominations.

- **Inclusive Excellence Award**

Open to the entire ESF community to nominate graduate students who made significant contributions to advance SUNY ESF's mission of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the past academic year.

The four pillars of Inclusive Excellence as defined by [AAC&U](#) are:

- A focus on student intellectual and social development.
- A purposeful development of and utilization of organizational resources to enhance student learning.
- Attention to the cultural differences that learners bring to the educational experience that enhance the enterprise.
- A welcoming community that engages all its diversity in the service of student and organizational learning.

Additional information on what constitutes Inclusive Excellence can be found below at:

- [Association of American Colleges and Universities](#)
- [Clemson University Office of Inclusion and Equity](#)
- [University of Wisconsin – What is Inclusive Excellence?](#)
- [University of Nebraska – Inclusive Excellence and Definitions](#)

E-mail your nomination to gsa.esf@gmail.com **by 5 pm April 19th**. Please include: award category, nominee name, email, department, and brief (1-3 paragraph) explanation of the nomination. After the deadline, the Grants and Awards Committee will reach out to the nominated grads and ask them to submit a brief personal statement to help the committee understand and evaluate their work. After all personal statements are received, the committee will meet to deliberate and select the awardees. Awardees will be notified and receive their award by the end of the spring semester.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the GSA Grants and Awards Committee Chair, Dwyer Stuart, at gsa.esf@gmail.com

Sincerely,
The Grant and Awards Committee,
Graduate Student Association,
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry