



UGA College of Engineering Brahm Verma Graduate Leadership Award

Purpose

To recognize the most outstanding engineering graduate student each year for excellence in academics and leadership. The recipient will receive a monetary award of \$1,000, depending on the availability of funds.

Eligibility

Open to all Ph.D. graduate students enrolled in any UGA graduate engineering degree program who have passed the Comprehensive Exam and have completed PhD proposal.

Overall Judging Criteria

Equal value should be given for excellence in academics and excellence in leadership

Indicators:

- Academics* – **B** – Best in academic coursework
R – Research Proposal judged superior
A – Actively publishing research and professional work
H – Honors received for academic excellence
M – Member of learned societies
- Leadership* – **V** – Visionary: sees the big picture and affects the future
E – Exemplar: admired and worthy of imitation
R – Reflective: listens well and builds consensus
M – Master: master in the art of practicing the profession
A – Articulate: expresses with clarity and conviction

Nomination Process

- Nominations may be submitted by any CENGR faculty or by self-nomination.
- Nominations can be made at [this link](#).
- Nominations will be accepted until 5:00 pm, February 6th, 2026 (Friday).

Upon receipt of nominations, the CENGR Faculty Honorifics Committee will contact nominees to request a dossier of achievements relevant to this award.

Dossier Requirements

Submit as a single PDF (maximum 4 pages, including appendices/letters): Application materials will consist of a two-page Vita that may contain up to five live links to other web documents. Up to two pages may be used to make the case for the indicators given above (i.e., 4 pages total). Nominations should be judged giving equal value to each indicator listed above. Dossiers must be submitted by 5:00 PM on February 25, 2026, via the submission link that will be provided later.

Selection and Recognition

- Dossiers will be evaluated by the CENGR Faculty Honorific Committee.
- The recipient will be honored at the CENGR Celebration of Excellence.