2026 College of Engineering
Faculty, Research Staff, and Graduate Student Awards

Nominations Deadline: 5:00 pm, February 6th, 2026 (Friday)
Nominations must be submitted via this link.
Dossier Submission Deadline: 5:00pm, February 27, 2026 (Wednesday)

Faculty Awards

Award	Award Focus	Nomination Type
Emerging Scholar Research Award	Assistant Professor	- Any CENGR faculty member - Self-nomination
Sustained Excellence in Scholarship Award	Associate Professor	- Any CENGR faculty member - Self-nomination
Distinguished Scholar Research Award	Full Professor	- Any CENGR faculty member - Self-nomination
Distinguished Faculty Fellowship	Must have received CENGR, University, or external research award before; previous fellows review applications	- Any CENGR faculty member - Self-nomination
Excellence in Teaching Awards	Two awards, both tenure track and non-tenure track faculty	- Any CENGR faculty member - Self-nomination
Excellence in Faculty Mentorship Award	Graduate Program Faculty at any rank	- Any CENGR faculty member - Graduate student - Self-nomination
Excellence in Faculty Leadership Award	Faculty at any rank	- Any CENGR faculty member - Self-nomination
Lowry Gillespie Curriculum Enhancement	Faculty at any rank	- Any CENGR faculty member - Self-nomination

Research Staff Awards

Award	Award Focus	Nomination Type
Outstanding Research Scientist Award	Research Scientist; at least 1 year with CENGR	- Any CENGR faculty member - Self-nomination
Outstanding Postdoctoral Research Award	Postdoctoral researcher; at least 1 year with CENGR	- Any CENGR faculty member - Self-nomination

Graduate Students Awards

Award	Award Focus	Nomination Type
Rising Star Graduate Student Research Awards	Ph.D. or M.S. (thesis) student; matriculated within 3 semesters	- Major professor - Director of graduate studies - Self-nomination
Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award	Ph.D. student at any stage of the program	- Major professor - Director of graduate studies - Self-nomination
Outstanding Dissertation Award	Ph.D. student defended in Spring, Summer, or Fall 2025	- Major professor
Outstanding Master's Research Award	Any MS (thesis) students	- Major professor - Director of graduate studies - Self-nomination
Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award	Significant teaching for at least 1 semester; IOR, TA with substantial teaching	- Any CENGR faculty member - Self-nomination
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award	TA for at least 2 semesters	- Any CENGR faculty member - Self-nomination
Brahm Verma Graduate Leadership Award	PhD passed the Comprehensive Exam and have completed PhD proposal	- Any CENGR faculty member - Self-nomination