



UGA College of Engineering Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award

The College of Engineering (CENGR) is pleased to announce the availability of the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award. This award recognizes graduate students who have demonstrated exceptional commitment and effectiveness in their role as a Teaching Assistant (TA) within the College of Engineering. The recipient will receive a monetary award of \$500, depending on the availability of funds.

Criteria include but are not limited to:

- Demonstrated excellence in teaching through clear communication, subject mastery, and effective instructional strategies.
- Positive impact on student learning and engagement, as reflected in evaluations, feedback, or testimonials.
- Commitment to creating a welcoming and supportive learning environment for all students.
- Participation in professional development activities related to teaching.
- Leadership and initiative in supporting course development or improving the teaching experience.

Eligibility

- Nominee must be a graduate student (Ph.D. or M.S.) in the College of Engineering.
- Must have served as a Teaching Assistant within the College of Engineering for at least two semesters
- Previous recipients of this award are not eligible.

Nomination Process

- Nominations may be submitted by 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 10 pages, including appendices/letters):

- Cover Letter (1–2 pages) describing teaching philosophy, activities, and impact.
- Summary of TA responsibilities (courses supported, role, number of students).
- Compilation of student comments from at least two semesters.
- Letters of support (maximum 2) from faculty supervisors or students.
- Evidence of instructional innovation or professional development in teaching.
- Supporting documents and appendices.
- 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.