The College of Agriculture Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award ($1,000)

Purpose: The purpose of this award is to recognize faculty members for excellence in graduate teaching performance and related functions such as advising and mentoring.

Eligibility: This award is open to all graduate faculty members in the College of Agriculture who have taught at least one 700 level course or higher in the last two years. Selection of the recipient will be based on classroom teaching (66 percent) and advising including other related activities (34 percent).

Nominations for the award are solicited from students, faculty and administrators. Faculty who receive the College of Agriculture Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award will not be eligible to compete for it in future years.

The nomination packet should address a quality of the material taught and instructional methods, teaching accomplishments, self-improvement program, assessment of learning achieved, advising responsibilities and accomplishments (both students assigned and not assigned to the nominee) and related work with graduate students such as recruitment, mentoring, retention and placement.

Submit:

1. Letter of nomination that describes in detail why the nominee is deserving of this award.
2. Current CV.
3. Summary of all courses taught (include title and short descriptions of course and number of students enrolled for the last three times course(s) was/were taught.
4. Student evaluations (TEVAL or IDEA) from the last two times the graduate course(s) has/have been taught.
5. Up to three letters of support from students, alumni, or peers.
6. One page from nominee describing his/her teaching and advising philosophy, rewards received through teaching and advising, and goals related to teaching and advising.

Deadline: Before noon on April 1st, 2020. Please send applications to Yi Zheng at yzheng@ksu.edu.
Excellence in Research Award for an Outstanding Post-Doctoral Research Associate ($1,000)

**Purpose:** The purpose of this award is to recognize excellence in research by an outstanding post-doctoral fellow for the award year.

**Eligibility:** Some of the criteria include participation of nominee in several research activities such as conceptualization of research ideas, grant proposal development, funded grant proposal, research project completion time, report writing, manuscript development and publication, conference presentations, supervision of undergraduate and graduate student research projects, participation in outreach activities within his group and the department, teaching activities, and recognition of research work outside the department (external award for research). Preference will be given to those who have not previously received this award.

*Post-Award Activity:* The awardee would be required to present a seminar in the department on key areas of his/her research.

**Description of Award:** The award shall include a plaque/certificate stating the award title, year, name of the awardee and other relevant details. The recipient will be bestowed with the award during the annual spring departmental award ceremony.

**Submit:**
1. Application form
2. Current CV/Resume
3. A letter of recommendation from your supervisor

Grain Science and Industry Outstanding Support Staff Employee of the Year

**Purpose:** The Grain Science and Industry Department takes pride in the accomplishments and achievements of its staff members. Their support is a reflection of the accomplishments of the department. The Grain Science and Industry department intends to recognize the support staff who has distinguished themselves as employee of the year.

**Eligibility:** Nominee must be a current support staff within the Department of Grain Science and Industry.

**Submit:**
1. Application form
2. Letter of nomination that describes in detail why the nominee is deserving of this award.
3. Up to three letters of support from GSI faculty/staff or other KSU or industry contacts they work with on frequent basis would be encouraged.
Grain Science and Industry Outstanding Alumnus Award

**Purpose:** The Grain Science and Industry Department takes pride in the accomplishments and achievements of its alumni and former students. Their achievements not only reflect upon their accomplishments, but also extend and enhance the visibility and reputation of the department. The Grain Science and Industry department intends to recognize those individuals who have distinguished themselves with the outstanding alumni.

**Eligibility:** Nominee must be a graduate or former student who has completed a minimum of one semester in the Department of Grain Science and Industry. Additionally, the nominee must be an ambassador of the values and mission of the Department of Grain Science and Industry who has contributed significantly to the advancement of the department in some manner - to be demonstrated in the nomination letter.

**Submit:** Letter of nomination should demonstrate that the candidate has provided significant contributions to the advancement of the department. This advancement may be achieved through personal achievements that reflect well on the education and training received from the department, improving facilities, providing equipment, recruitment of superior students, enhancing department visibility and reputation, recognizing faculty expertise, enhancing teaching, endowing programs that attract outstanding faculty and students, providing technical support in research programs, and/or expanding department outreach activities.

Grain Science and Industry Outstanding Service Award

**Purpose:** The Grain Science and Industry Department takes pride in the support and service provided to it by affiliated organizations and individuals. Much of the advancement of the department cannot be made without the continued support of our allied industries and individual supporters who have given so much throughout the years. The Grain Science and Industry department intends to recognize those individuals who have distinguished themselves with the outstanding alumni.

**Eligibility:** Nominee must be an ambassador of the values and mission of the Department of Grain Science and Industry; have contributed significantly to the advancement of the department in some manner – to be demonstrated in the nomination letter.

**Submit:** Letter of nomination should demonstrate that the candidate has provided significant contributions to the advancement of the department. This advancement may be achieved through improving facilities, providing equipment, recruitment of superior students, enhancing department visibility and reputation, recognizing faculty expertise, enhancing teaching, endowing programs that attract outstanding faculty and students, providing technical support in research programs, and/or expanding department outreach activities.