

Department of Physics
Graduate Student Service Awards

1. **outReach for the Stars Award:** Awarded to a graduate student who has made an effort to bring services or information about Physics (or other STEM fields) to people where those services and/or information are lacking or non-existent. Two awards per academic year.
2. **Mentoring Matters Award:** Awarded to a graduate student who has dedicated his/her time to mentor (advise and/or tutor) another student in Physics (or other STEM fields) thus building a relationship that will play an important role in the student's career development. One award per academic year.
3. **Above and Beyond Award:** Awarded to a graduate student who has demonstrated actions that go above and beyond the call of duty. The student may have volunteered his/her time in the service of others, be part of an organization that helps and/or represents the graduate student body and/or performed a task in the service of their community. One award per academic year.

Eligibility:

- Open to all Physics graduate students in good standing at the time of nomination and that have not been awarded the same award in the last academic year.

Nomination Process:

- Physics, or Physics affiliated, faculty, administration, staff, graduate and undergraduate students may nominate a Physics Graduate Student for one or more of the Graduate Student Service Awards.
- On March 1st, the link to the nomination form will be posted on the Physics website homepage.
- The nomination form must be completed and submitted online by the **March 31st** deadline.
- The nominator must not be related to the nominee.

Selection Process:

The Physics Academic Program Team and Department Chair will review the nominations and select the awardees before April 24th.

Deadlines:

- Nominations in March (March 1st – 31st)
- Awardee selection between April 1st and April 19th
- Awardee announcement **before final examination period or by April 23rd**
- Luncheon one week from announcement (**Note:** A luncheon will not be held this semester. Instead, selected students will receive a monetary award.)

Please contact soto@ucf.edu if you have questions or concerns.