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To: College of Engineering community

Re: College of Engineering Graduate Student Excellence Awards

The UC Davis College of Engineering (COE) is pleased to announce a “Call for Nominations” for the 2022 College of Engineering Graduate Student Excellence Awards. These awards honor the meritorious actions and achievements of COE graduate students in research and service, as well as to provide peer recognition throughout the College. Nominations may be submitted for the following awards:

- ◆ **Excellence in Graduate Student Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**
- ◆ **Excellence in Graduate Student Research**
- ◆ **Excellence in Graduate Student Service & Leadership**
- ◆ **Excellence in Graduate Student Safety**

Please refer to the enclosed award announcement for more information about eligibility and criteria. **Nominations should be submitted to Alin Wakefield (amwakefield@ucdavis.edu)** in the Dean’s Office as a single PDF no later than **October 11, 2021**.

A review of all nominees will occur in late fall. Award recipients will be announced in Winter 2022 and will receive a \$500 award. The recipient’s name will be added to a permanent display board located in the Kemper Hall lobby. Each award will be given annually.

Please direct all inquiries to Alin Wakefield (amwakefield@ucdavis.edu).

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
2022 GRADUATE STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:

**EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE STUDENT DIVERSITY,
EQUITY, AND INCLUSION**

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 11, 2021

PURPOSE

The College of Engineering Graduate Student Excellence is supported by discretionary funds available to the Dean. The goal of the award is to recognize a COE graduate student who has demonstrated exemplary leadership in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. The graduate student who is selected will receive an award of \$500. The award will be presented in Winter 2022. The recipient's name will be added to a permanent display board located in the Kemper Hall lobby. This award will be given annually.

ELIGIBILITY

Both Master's and Doctoral students enrolled in a graduate program administered by the College of Engineering are eligible.

NOMINATIONS

Anyone with direct experience of the student's efforts to promote diversity, equity, and/or inclusion are invited to submit nominations for the Excellence in Graduate Student Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Award. Self-nominations and departmentally-sponsored nominations are permitted. Only those candidates whose accomplishments would place them among the top of their peer group should be nominated. Nominations should take the form of a one-page letter that outlines the specific accomplishments or efforts of the candidate. Submit nominations to Alin Wakefield (amwakefield@ucdavis.edu) as a single PDF file by October 11, 2021.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Candidates for the Excellence in Graduate Student Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award should have a record of accomplishments that clearly demonstrates exemplary service or efforts to advance equity and inclusion within any domain. Examples of such may include, but are not limited to:

- Organizing and leading events focused on equity, diversity, and inclusion (e.g. mentoring in underserved communities, equity seminar with invited speakers, workshop on improving inclusion)
- Service in equity, diversity, and inclusion-serving organizations (e.g. Equity in STEM and Entrepreneurship (ESTEME), Diversity in STEM Committee (DISC))
- Involvement with equity, diversity, and inclusion initiatives and policies (e.g. bridge program for transfer students, removal of standardized test requirements)

SELECTION PROCESS

A review of all nominees will occur in late fall. This committee will make recommendations to the Dean of the College who will make the final selection. Nominees who are not selected for an award may be re-nominated in a subsequent year.

AWARD TERMS

This award is given annually and is a one-time award for each recipient. Use of the monies from the award is unrestricted.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:

EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 11, 2021

PURPOSE

The College of Engineering Graduate Student Excellence is supported by discretionary funds available to the Dean. The goal of the award is to recognize a COE graduate student who has made significant contributions to their field of research or discipline. The graduate student who is selected will receive an award of \$500. The award will be presented in Winter 2022. The recipient's name will be added to a permanent display board located in the Kemper Hall lobby. This award will be given annually.

ELIGIBILITY

Both Master's and Doctoral students enrolled in a graduate program administered by the College of Engineering are eligible.

NOMINATIONS

Anyone with direct experience of the student's research contributions and/or record of publications are invited to submit nominations for the Excellence in Graduate Student Research Award. Self-nominations and departmentally-sponsored nominations are permitted. Only those candidates whose accomplishments would place them among the top of their peer group should be nominated. Nominations should take the form of a one-page letter that outlines the specific accomplishments of the candidate. Submit nominations to Alin Wakefield (amwakefield@ucdavis.edu) as a single PDF file by October 11, 2021.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Candidates for the Excellence in Graduate Student Research Award should have a record of accomplishments that clearly demonstrates exemplary contributions and/or a record of publications. Examples of such may include, but are not limited to publication or citations in:

- Scientific journal publications
- Conference proceedings
- Conference presentations
- US patents
- Significant field work contributions (to be recognized even in the absence of publications)
- Introduction of novel techniques or research areas for department (to be recognized even in the absence of publications)

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:

**EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE STUDENT SERVICE &
LEADERSHIP**

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 11, 2021

PURPOSE

The College of Engineering Graduate Student Excellence is supported by discretionary funds available to the Dean. The goal of the award is to recognize a COE graduate student who has demonstrated exemplary leadership in their service to their community. The graduate student who is selected will receive an award of \$500. The award will be presented in Winter 2022. The recipient's name will be added to a permanent display board located in the Kemper Hall lobby. This award will be given annually.

ELIGIBILITY

Both Master's and Doctoral students enrolled in a graduate program administered by the College of Engineering are eligible.

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EVALUATION CRITERIA

Candidates for the Excellence in Graduate Student Service & Leadership Award should have a record of accomplishments that clearly demonstrates exemplary service. Examples of service or leadership may include, but are not limited to:

- Organizing and leading community events (e.g. research symposium, interdepartmental social mixer)
- Positions in community-serving organizations (e.g. Graduate Student Association, department-specific Graduate Student Associations)
- Involvement with community initiatives and policies (e.g. weekly discussion groups/lectures)

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:

EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE STUDENT SAFETY

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 11, 2021

PURPOSE

The College of Engineering Graduate Student Excellence is supported by discretionary funds available to the Dean. The goal of the award is to recognize a COE graduate student who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to promoting and enhancing the safety culture within the College. The graduate student who is selected will receive an award of \$500. The award will be presented in Winter 2022. The recipient's name will be added to a permanent display board located in the Kemper Hall lobby. This award will be given annually.

ELIGIBILITY

Both Master's and Doctoral students enrolled in a graduate program administered by the College of Engineering are eligible.

NOMINATIONS

Anyone with direct experience of the student's efforts to enhance the safety culture within their sphere of influence are invited to submit nominations for the Excellence in Graduate Student Safety Award. Self-nominations and departmentally-sponsored nominations are permitted. Only those candidates whose accomplishments would place them among the top of their peer group should be nominated. Nominations should take the form of a one-page letter that outlines the specific accomplishments of the candidate. Submit nominations to Alin Wakefield (amwakefield@ucdavis.edu) as a single PDF file by October 11, 2021.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Candidates for the Excellence in Graduate Student Safety Award should have a record of accomplishments that clearly demonstrates exemplary service. Examples of safety efforts may include, but are not limited to:

- Organizing and leading safety events (e.g. departmental discussions/info sessions)
- Positions in safety-serving organizations (e.g. participation in safety committee)
- Involvement with safety initiatives (e.g. purge of unused lab chemical inventory)
- Initiating change in safety protocol within lab, group, program, or department

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