

# UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER STUDENT SENATE DISTINGUISHED MENTOR AWARD CRITERIA

## Eligibility criteria for the Nominee:

- Any full or part-time faculty member currently affiliated with the University of Nebraska Medical Center is eligible for nomination for the UNMC Student Senate Distinguished Mentor Award.

## Eligibility criteria for submitting a nomination for UNMC Student Senate Distinguished Mentor Award:

- Any nomination made by a student (nominator) who is currently enrolled or was enrolled, as a student in UNMC at the time of making a nomination shall be considered eligible for the purpose of this award.
- Each nominator (student) is required to submit a letter of support describing the nominee (mentor).
- Each nominator can solicit up to two additional letters of support for his/her nominee. Students currently affiliated with UNMC are eligible to write a letter of support.

## Deadline for submitting nominations for the award:

- **The deadline for submitting all required application materials: December 30th, 2018 at 11:59 p.m.**
- **Individuals nominated in the past years need to be nominated again in order to be considered for the award presented the following year.**

## Suggested guidelines for writing the letter of support:

- The letter of support should not exceed one (1) page.
- All letters of support should reflect upon the following qualities of the mentor:
  - Teaches new concepts with clarity in an engaging manner in lecture or through other in- class activities.
  - Serves as a role model to you and other students.
  - Maintains high professional and ethical standards within his or her discipline and encourages his or her students to strive for the same.
  - Shares a good rapport with you and other students both inside and outside a classroom setting.
  - Provides positive learning experiences for students. ○ Is approachable and shares his or her valuable time to meet with students.
  - Works with you and other students to overcome problems.
  - Takes a keen interest in the development and progress of students.
  - Utilizes efficient in-class methods to capture attention and facilitate learning for all students.
  - Is open to innovation in the classroom and utilizes student feedback for implementation.
  - Goes above and beyond expectations as a professor to facilitate the education of his or her students.
  - Citing specific anecdotes, which reflect upon the afore-mentioned attributes of the nominee is highly encouraged.

**The attached applications can be completed and sent to Lauren Greufe at [lauren.greufe@unmc.edu](mailto:lauren.greufe@unmc.edu). If you have any questions or comments, please message Lauren or contact Dr. David Carver ([dcarver@unmc.edu](mailto:dcarver@unmc.edu) ). We look forward to receiving your nominations and learning about the impact UNMC students, faculty, and teachers are having on our campus and in the community!**