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Please note that nominations for the campus-wide TA award nominations are due **November 18, 2022**. See the letter below for more information.

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Dear Colleagues,

The University of Wisconsin–Madison provides teaching assistant (TA) opportunities to graduate students across a wide range of disciplines, and their contributions in the classroom, lab, studio, and field are essential to the university's educational mission. In order to recognize excellence on the part of campus TAs, the Graduate School, with administrative and financial assistance from the College of Letters & Science and the Morgridge Center, sponsors six categories of awards for TAs across the UW–Madison campus. **These awards are open to all UW-Madison master's and doctoral students appointed as TAs**, and they recognize:

- Outstanding and inspirational performance on the part of new TAs (those with fewer than four semesters of teaching experience)
- TAs who, in addition to their regular duties, perform exceptional service related to the educational mission of their department (volunteerism, committee work, mentoring, etc.)
- TAs who bring extraordinary creativity to their work and have developed or adapted new teaching methods or techniques
- Ph.D.-track TAs who have performed as outstanding teachers throughout their UW-Madison tenure (nominees should be planning to defend their dissertations by the end of the current school year)
- Outstanding performance by TAs in the natural sciences
- TAs who have demonstrated outstanding instruction using a community-based learning approach

**Please note:** each department may nominate up to three TAs per year and you may distribute those nominations across categories as you see fit, but a department or program may nominate an individual TA in only one of the listed categories per year. Departments are encouraged to consider qualified TAs enrolled in **both master's and doctoral programs**.

Descriptions of the awards, eligibility criteria, a list of required nomination materials, and a copy of the nomination form can be found at <https://teachlearn.ls.wisc.edu/ta-awards/>.

**Nominations are due November 18, 2022 by 5:00 pm.** If you have any questions about the awards or nomination procedures, contact Cathy Yu at [teach.learn@ls.wisc.edu](mailto:teach.learn@ls.wisc.edu).

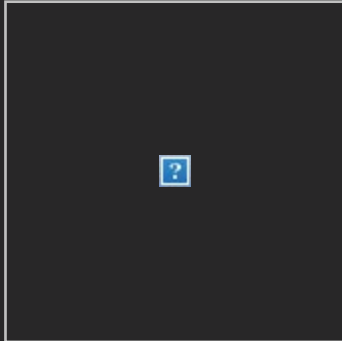
Please keep these campus-wide awards in mind as you review the performance of your TAs. These awards provide a modest source of financial support (\$1,000), but more importantly, carry public recognition of the contributions our outstanding TAs make to their departments and to the campus at large.

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