College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Jack L. Fry Award of Excellence in Teaching

Award Information and Application Requirements

The Jack L. Fry Excellence in Teaching Award is awarded annually to an outstanding graduate student currently enrolled in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (students must have a college code of AG or ID) who has excelled in classroom or laboratory teaching. The CALS Graduate Student Scholarship and Awards Committee will review the applications and select the recipient based on the following criteria:

- High academic potential and achievement.
- Taught or assisted substantially in teaching at least one undergraduate class (classroom or laboratory) during the previous year (Spring 2016, Summer 2016, or Fall 2016).
- Evidence of excellence and effectiveness in teaching.
- Appointment on an assistantship is not a necessary criterion.

The recipient of the Jack L. Fry Award of Excellence will be invited to the CALS Scholarship and Leadership Awards Banquet scheduled for the evening of Thursday, April 18, 2017 where he or she will receive the medal. The recipient will also receive a monetary award.

Applicants must submit all of the following:

- Letter of nomination from the Unit Leader (co-signed by the Graduate Coordinator) describing the nominee’s role in teaching and specifying the basis upon which the teaching performance of the nominee has been judged outstanding.
- Teaching philosophy statement - one page maximum
- Description of the undergraduate course(s) the nominee taught or assisted substantially in teaching during the previous year. Include the approximate # of students in class, term the course was taught, and the nominee’s role in teaching the course.
- Syllabus for the nominee’s course(s)
- Summary of the nominee’s teaching evaluation results, if available
- 2-3 letters of support from the student’s supervisory committee chair and other supervisory committee members addressing the excellence and effectiveness of the nominee’s teaching. If the nominee’s teaching was done under the supervision of a faculty member not on the nominee’s supervisory committee, one of the letters should be from the teaching supervisor.
- 2-3 letters of support from current or former students may be included but are not required.
- Additional supporting information - five page maximum
- Brief CV - two page maximum
- Signed copy of this page

The Dean’s Office will add a copy of the student’s UF transcripts to the nomination packet prior to committee review.

Submit the complete application packet (HARD COPY ONLY) by 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 8, 2017 to:

College of Agricultural and Life Sciences
Attn: Charlotte Emerson, Director of Student Development and Recruitment
PO Box 110270, 2002 McCarty Hall D, Gainesville, FL 32611-0270

I waive my right to review the materials used in the selection process for the Jack L. Fry Excellence in Teaching Award for Graduate Students.

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Signature                                                                                  Date