

Call for Nominations

The Penn State Postdoctoral Society (PSPS) is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the 4th Annual Penn State **Outstanding Postdoctoral Mentor Award**.

This award will recognize an outstanding faculty member who has demonstrated their commitment to exceptional mentoring of postdoctoral scholars at Penn State University.

The award selection criteria will include, but are not limited to:

1. Mentor accessibility (e.g. providing open lines of communication to postdoctoral scholars)
2. Establishment of clear expectations and achievable goals
3. Fostering a productive working environment that enhances the overall postdoctoral experience (e.g. research, teaching and community service)
4. Providing guidance and assistance in professional development (e.g. completing an individual development plan, encouraging participation in conferences and helping to build a professional network)
5. Appropriately crediting postdoc for their involvement in research presentations and publications

The recipient of the 4th Annual Penn State **Outstanding Postdoctoral Mentor Award** will be honored during a special ceremony and presented with a beautiful customized plaque acknowledging her or his outstanding contribution to Penn State's vibrant postdoctoral culture.

Nominations will only be accepted from current postdoctoral scholars or fellows or those whose appointments ended after July 1, 2017 (see instructions below).

Nomination Process

Deadline for submissions: THE CALL FOR NOMINATIONS WILL CLOSE at the end of May 18, 2018.

To submit a nomination, please provide the following:

1. The nominated mentor's full name, title and department
2. A copy of the nominee's CV
3. A short essay (600-word limit) describing why you feel the mentor should be selected for the Outstanding Postdoctoral Mentor Award (see selection criteria above)
4. Submit the items above via email to **PSUPostdocSociety@gmail.com** by the end of **May 18, 2018**.

The award will be announced on or before July 1, 2018 and the plaque will be presented at the Annual Postdoc Research Exhibition in September 2018.