

# 2020 Wes Ammon Outstanding New Advisor Awards Mississippi State University

## OBJECTIVE

To recognize outstanding academic advising and to enhance visibility to the institutional commitment to quality advising.

## STRATEGY

Mississippi State University will award annually two **Wes Ammon Outstanding New Advisor Awards**, one for faculty and one for staff. The awards will be presented in the spring semester and a cash award of \$500 will be presented to each recipient. In addition, MSU will nominate the **Wes Ammon Outstanding New Advisor Award** winners for the National Academic Advising Association's Outstanding Advisor Awards.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Faculty and staff who have demonstrated qualities associated with outstanding academic advising of undergraduate students and who have served as an academic advisor for a minimum of one year and no more than five (5) years are eligible.
2. Self nomination is permitted with appropriate supporting documentation.
2. Each nomination must include the endorsement of the faculty/staff member's Dean/Supervisor, Department Head or other relevant academic administrator.
3. The Selection Committee reserves the right to not grant any awards.

## CRITERIA

The Selection Committee will evaluate nominations through documentation of effective advising qualities and practices which distinguish the nominee as an outstanding academic advisor. Such evidence may include, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

- \*Availability to advisees, faculty, or staff
- \*Meeting advisees in informal settings
- \*Perception by colleagues of nominee's advising skills
- \*Evidence of student success in the academic arena
- \*Frequency of contact with advisees
- \*Mastery of institutional regulations, policies, and procedures
- \*Monitoring of student progress toward academic & career goals
- \*Strong interpersonal skills
- \*Developmental advising\*\* vs. course scheduling
- \*Demonstration of a caring and helpful attitude toward advisees, faculty and staff
- \*Participation in and support of intrusive advising to build strong relationships with advisees
- \*Use and dissemination of appropriate information sources
- \*Recognition of nominee for outstanding advising or advising information
- \*Appropriate referral activity
- \*Participation & delivery of workshops & seminars on advising

## NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Nominations should contain adequate factual or descriptive material to enable the Selection Committee to ascertain the extent to which an individual meets the awards criteria listed above. The completed nomination package should include:

1. A summary of the nominee's qualifications, which is the principle component of the nomination package. The nominator should summarize the extent to which the nominee meets the award criteria, citing letters of support, data, or other materials illustrative of exemplary performance as an advisor.
2. Appendices: The appendices support the summary of nominee's qualifications. Appendices, in addition to the required support letter from the faculty/staff members Dean/Supervisor, may include, but are not necessarily limited to:
  - representative materials developed by the nominee
  - letters of support from advisees, colleagues, and administrators (not to exceed 8)
3. Each nomination must include at least three letters of support from current or former students.
4. Nominee's resume, or vita, that clearly identifies "advisor" actions and activities including participation in developmental events. Please limit entries to material that pertains directly to academic advising, presenting relevant information from the nominee's overall resume/vita.
5. A personal statement on advising by the nominee
6. Interested Faculty and Staff must submit an application in PDF form to the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President (email [nfultz@provost.msstate.edu](mailto:nfultz@provost.msstate.edu)) by the deadline of **5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020**.
7. Winners of the **Wes Ammon Outstanding New Advisor Award** will submit a paper copy of the application suitable for display in the Mitchell Memorial Library.
8. Winners of the **Wes Ammon Outstanding New Advisor Award** will be requested to participate in an Advising Workshop facilitated by the University Academic Advising Council.

\*\*Examples of Developmental Advising: career planning, goal setting, extracurricular activities, preparation of students for national competitions, etc.

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1. NOMINEE

Name Title
College/Department Mail Stop
Local Mailing Address E-mail
Telephone: Campus Other local or cell
Signature of Nominee Date

2. NOMINEE BACKGROUND

Faculty or Staff
Total years experience as an academic advisor at MSU?
Current number of assigned advisees: Undergraduate students
Number of previously assigned MSU advisees: Undergraduate students
Total years experience as an academic advisor?
Other institutions (where, when)?
What is the nominee's primary academic responsibility?
If a faculty nominee, what proportion of the nominee's time is assigned to academic advising?
What proportion is assigned to: teaching; research; publishing; service.

3. NOMINATOR(s)

Name(s) Title(s)
College/Department Mail Stop
Local Mailing Address E-mail
Telephone: Campus Other local or cell
Signature of Nominator Date
Dean's signature Date

4. ATTACHMENTS (as specified under "Nomination Procedures"):

- 1. Nominee's summary of qualifications
2. The nominee's resume or vita
3. Personal statement by nominee
4. Appendices to support summary qualifications
5. Make sure to include in the nomination packet, this form and supporting material.

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