



Call for Nominations

The Penn State Postdoctoral Society (PSPS) is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the 11th Annual Penn State Outstanding Postdoctoral Mentor Award.

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

The award selection criteria include:

1. Mentor accessibility (e.g., providing open lines of communication to postdoctoral scholars).
2. Fostering a productive working environment that enhances the overall postdoctoral experience (e.g., research, teaching, and community service).
3. 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).
4. Establishment of clear expectations and achievable goals.
5. Appropriately crediting postdocs for their involvement in research presentations and publications.

Nomination Process

Deadline for submissions: 5pm on Saturday, March 16th, 2024.

Nominations will be accepted from Penn State faculty members, current postdoctoral scholars/fellows based at Penn State University, and past postdoctoral scholars/fellows who were based at Penn State and whose appointments ended after July 1, 2024. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

To be eligible for this award, candidates must be a current faculty member at Penn State.

To submit a nomination for the Outstanding Postdoc Mentor Award, please fill out this [Google Form](#), addressing how the nominated postdoc mentor demonstrates the award criteria listed above. Note that a pdf copy of the nominated mentor's CV is also required (maximum 2 pages). The CV can be uploaded within the Google Form (preferred), or alternatively can be emailed to PSUPostdocSociety@gmail.com with subject line: Nomination for Postdoc Mentor Award (nominated mentor's name) CV.

The award recipient will be notified on or before May 5th, 2024. The Penn State Postdoctoral Society will announce the award through Penn State news outlets and the recipient will be honored during an Awards Ceremony to be held in May 2024.