Nomination Guidelines  
College of Arts and Sciences  
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FACULTY MENTOR AWARD

What Is a Research Mentor?

Mentoring is an essential element in the development of undergraduate researchers. All undergraduate research mentors serve as guides, resources, and role models for methods of inquiry in a chosen field of study and for the responsible conduct of research; they support and encourage the dissemination of the student’s work through conference participation, publication, etc. Thus mentors often provide students with their first entry into professional circles.

An outstanding undergraduate research mentor engages in faculty-student mentoring relationships that are both productive and transformative. Such a mentor will motivate students as they transition from “consumers” of knowledge into “producers” of original, intellectual, or creative contributions to their disciplines. Part of this process is often getting the students to believe that they can become scholars and instilling students with a sense of ownership of their work along with a passion for developing new knowledge. Typically, such transformative relationships have a tremendous impact on a students’ academic, professional, and personal development.

Nomination Instructions For Students:

First, please provide the following information: your name, year in school, and e-mail address; how long you have worked with your mentor; scholarly products that have resulted from your work with this faculty mentor (e.g., a presentation or publication).

Second, in 500 words or fewer, please describe how your faculty mentor has helped you in some, or all, of the following ways: academically, professionally, personally. In other words, why do you believe that your faculty mentor is deserving of the Faculty Undergraduate Research Mentor Award? Please provide examples to support your points. These details will be the primary information used to determine the award’s recipient.

Nominations should be submitted to Dr. Robert Prickett, the Associate Dean for Research, Professional Development, and Teacher Education (212B Kinard Hall or prickettr@winthrop.edu) no later than Friday March 25th.

Nominations may be submitted as a typed hardcopy or by e-mail.