# TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY CORPUS CHRISTI | COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

*Deadline: November 3, 2023*

## Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award and Outstanding Research Assistant Award

## About the Awards

The College of Graduate Studies recognizes the significant contribution graduate students make to the instructional mission of the University with two separate awards: The Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award and the Outstanding Research Assistant Award.

The awards were established in 2013-14 to honor and encourage those TAs and RAs whose professional involvement with both faculty and students evidence exceptional ability and who show promise for significant future achievement.

We invite all TAMU-CC graduate faculties to nominate candidates to receive this unique honor. Nominees must have a 3.75 GPA and taken more than 50% of all graduate program work at TAMU-CC. Awards will be presented on the basis of nominations annually to:

- one graduate Teaching Assistant student and
- one graduate Research Assistant student.

Nominations are judged by the College's Awards Committee to be prime examples of what it means to truly stand out as an exceptional TA or RA. In addition to honoring individual graduate students for their scholarly activity, it is the hope of the College of Graduate Studies that these students will serve as role models for the entire campus.

**Only faculty may nominate students for the Student Awards.** Finalist selection will be determined by the College's Awards Committee.

**The nomination deadline is November 3, 2023.**

## Application Procedure

1. Complete and submit the online application from the website by **November 3, 2023.**
https://www.tamucc.edu/grad-college/current-students/award.php

2. Write a personal letter of recommendation describing your relationship with your student nominee and how they have distinguished themselves as a TA or RA to you. Feel free to share specific stories and anecdotes as appropriate. In short, how has the nominee impressed you with

their instruction/research at the highest level, creative contributions beyond degree or departmental requirements, and exceptional service to TAMU-CC?

The letter of recommendation is typically 1 – 2 pages; however, however there is no minimum or maximum length.

3. The letter of recommendation should be saved and named:

NomineeFirstName_NomineeLastName-Mentoring-Nomination.pdf

E.g. "John_Smith-Community-Nomination.pdf"

4. Submit the letter of recommendation via email to Gradcollege@tamucc.edu by **November 3, 2023**. Only complete applications (online application and letter of recommendation) received before the deadline will be considered.

5. The College of Graduate Studies will distribute the nomination applications to the appropriate College Awards Committees. Each college will then submit one finalist to the College of Graduate Studies to Gradcollege@tamucc.edu, and a winner will be chosen from the referred candidates.

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**Award Nomination Form**
**Outstanding Teaching/Research Assistant**
**Deadline: November 3, 2023**

> **Instructions:** Only faculty members may nominate TAs/RAs for the Assistantship Awards. Nominees must have a 3.75GPA and taken >50% of all graduate program work at TAMU-CC. Forms must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation. Submit applications to Gradcollege@tamucc.edu

Nominee Name: _____

Student ID

☐ Teaching Assistant    ☐ Research Assistant      GPA: _____

Nominated by: _____

Relationship to Nominee:

Email Address: _____

Teaching/Research Evaluations (Positive contributions to the teaching/research environment):

Evidence of Leadership:

Creative contributions beyond degree or departmental requirements, and exceptional service to TAMU-CC:

Signature: _____ Date: _____