

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award

Every fall and spring semester, the Department of Chemistry selects a graduate student to receive the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award.

Candidates for this award are **TAs who are making progress toward their degrees and are in good academic standing**. In general, outstanding TAs far exceed the Department's expectations on a consistent basis.

Aspects considered include, but are not limited to:

- Mastery of the material they teach
- Clear and effective communication of their knowledge and ability in helping their students to understand the material
- Great leaders who show authenticity and authority in the classroom
- Unyielding enforcement of good safety practices
- Challenging their students to develop problem solving skills and technical proficiency
- Providing a safe and supportive learning environment for their students
- Ability to bring relevance of the material to the students
- Showing sensitivity to the needs of their learners
- Demonstration of fair and consistent grading with timely and adequate feedback to students about their performance
- Showing compassion and genuine caring about the learning of their student and will do whatever it takes to assist
- Overall excellent student feedback about TA performance

The winner is chosen by a committee of faculty and staff at the Department level. At a special College of Science awards reception, the award recipients are presented with a certificate signed by the UA president and a \$100 gift card to the UA Bookstore.

Recent winners include:

- Janie Salmon; 2007
- Hallena Rogers; 2006
(We also recognize the following excellent TAs: Janie Salmon, Xioachun Chen, Kristina Orosz, Mary Steele, David Harris; Jenine Cole-Maeyer, Adam Daly)
- Elisabeth Mansfield; 2005
(We also recognize the following excellent TAs: Ben Werner, Emily Grumbling, Peter Orto, Aaron Finke, Xiujuan Wen, Hallie Rogers, Tomika Bethea, Emily Tennenbaum, Doug Malkin, Jonathan Myers, Marilynne Stains)
- Udaya Bhaskar Tadikonda; 2004
- Danice Andrus; 2003
- Robert Kevwitch; 2002

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