TO: Deans, Directors, and Chairs – Norman Campus

FROM: Randall S. Hewes, Dean of the Graduate College

DATE: September 19, 2022

SUBJECT: Graduate Dean’s Award for Excellence in Mentoring of Graduate Students

I am pleased to announce the creation of a new faculty honor to recognize the work and value of graduate faculty members in the area of mentoring. The Graduate Dean’s Award for Excellence in Mentoring of Graduate Students has been established to honor a faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in and commitment to mentoring graduate students. Graduate students are at the core of the research and scholarly mission of the university. As faculty mentors, we shape graduate students’ experience and ability to pursue their chosen career paths. A holistic mentoring approach takes time and dedication to implement successfully and can be transformational in supporting students’ well-being, academic success, research attainment, and career prospects. This new award will be given annually and conferred at the spring faculty awards ceremony. Attached are the criteria and nomination form for the Graduate Dean’s Award for Excellence in Mentoring of Graduate Students. Nominations can be submitted using the Graduate College online application form by November 30, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Graduate College Associate Dean Liz Karr (lizkarr@ou.edu).

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Attachment