Chapter 11
Dean's Awards for Mentoring, Teaching and Inclusive Excellence in Graduate Education

These awards recognize members of the graduate community for helping to create a vibrant culture at Duke that values exemplary mentoring, inspires exceptional teaching, and fosters an inclusive and diverse university community.

A. Mentoring

The Graduate School presents the Dean's Awards for Excellence in Mentoring to recognize the considerable efforts and accomplishments of faculty and graduate students who consistently serve as effective mentors. Designed to allow the university community to identify faculty and graduate students who embody both the letter and spirit of mentoring, these awards are important examples of the university's continuing efforts to cultivate a culture of mentoring.

B. Teaching

The Graduate School created the Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching to celebrate and honor exemplary teaching by currently enrolled Ph.D. students who are engaged in teaching Duke undergraduate or graduate students. Each spring, The Graduate School recognizes up to three graduate students who best exemplify the characteristics of effective college teaching as they prepare for lives of service, leadership, and teaching.

C. Inclusive Excellence in Graduate Education

The Graduate School created the Dean's Award for Inclusive Excellence in Graduate Education to acknowledge extraordinary achievements by departments and programs that help create an environment of inclusive excellence in graduate education.

The Graduate School is committed to excellence, equity, and inclusion in its graduate programs and to creating a welcoming environment that engages all of its diversity in the intellectual development of its students. Inclusive excellence in graduate programs means not only demographics, but is also reflected in the departmental and program climate, curriculum, intellectual discourse and recruitment, retention and graduation of individuals underrepresented in the discipline, field, or area.

See our website for complete information on these awards.