

# 2026 School of Graduate Studies (SGS)

## Graduate Supervision Awards

### Deadlines:

Graduate Unit (internal deadline)	Friday, February 20, 2026 by 11:59 PM
RHSE Results	Late March/Early April 2026
SGS Results	May 2026

### Purpose:

The School of Graduate Studies (SGS) Graduate Supervision Awards aim to recognize outstanding performance in the multiple roles associated with graduate student supervision. Six awards are granted annually across three categories. Two awards are issued in each category: one in the Humanities/Social Sciences and one in the Physical/Life Sciences.

Each award recipient will receive an SGS Supervision Award certificate and an SGS Research Travel or Conference Grant (up to \$5000) for a current student to support their research travel or conference presentation. Award winners have their names inscribed on a plaque housed at the School of Graduate Studies. [Read about SGS Supervision Award Recipients.](#)

### Eligibility Criteria:

JJ Berry Smith Doctoral Supervision Award	SGS Mid-Career Supervision Award *NEW*	Early Career Supervision Award
Nominees must be active graduate faculty members at the University of Toronto, having supervised doctoral students (PhD, EdD, DMA, SJD) for a <b>minimum of 15 years.</b>	Nominees must be active graduate faculty members at the University of Toronto, having supervised doctoral students for a <b>minimum of 7 years and no more than 14 years.</b>	Nominees must be tenure stream or status-only graduate faculty members at the University of Toronto <b>within the first 6 years of acquiring a graduate faculty appointment</b> , having engaged in supervision of graduate students (master's degree or doctoral degree) as a committee member, co-supervisor or sole supervisor.

### Selection Criteria:

Nominations will be evaluated based on how well the candidates have demonstrated excellence in supervision at the University of Toronto by meeting and exceeding each selection criteria below:

1. Inspiring and guiding students to achieve excellence in scholarships, fostering a strong sense of academic integrity;
2. Providing an environment that is supportive with particular attention to mental health and work life balance, while stimulating and tailored to their individual learning styles, needs, and career/future aspirations;
3. Enabling students to learn the essential methodologies, concepts and cultures of their discipline;

4. Introducing students to the wider context of the discipline and relevant communities of scholars;
5. Promoting student participation in professional development and activities that position them for future careers within and outside academia; and
6. Leading a research environment that is committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion.

**TFOM Nomination Package:**

Student nominators will be responsible for completing our graduate unit’s [ONLINE NOMINATION FORM](#) by **Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM**. As part of the nomination package, you will be asked to upload the following items on the online form:

**>>[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS ONLINE FORM](#)**

Items to Upload:	Details:
<p><b>1. Nomination Letters from a Minimum of 2 Students</b></p>	<p>Two to five (2-5) letters from current or former students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letters may be from an individual or group. Group letters are strongly encouraged. There is no maximum page length.</li> <li>• Letters should capture the 6 points listed in the “Selection Criteria” (see above)</li> <li>• Letters of support should be addressed to Professor Justin Nodwell, Vice Dean, Research and Health Science Education, Temerty Faculty of Medicine</li> </ul> <p><i>Sample template (attached) for reference titled “SGS Graduate Supervision Awards Nomination Letter Template”</i></p>
<p><b>2. Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae</b> (Maximum of 8 pages)</p>	<p>The CV should highlight the following categories (as applicable):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Academic Appointment(s)</li> <li>○ Mentoring or Supervision Awards</li> <li>○ Awards for joint work with graduate students</li> <li>○ Funded or unfunded grants with graduate students</li> <li>○ All publications within the last 5 years with notations* to indicate those co-published with graduate students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <i>Additionally, list only co-publications with graduate students beyond the last 5 years and:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Within the last 15 years for JJ Berry Smith Award; or</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Within the last 14 years for the Mid-Career Award; or</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Within last 6 years for Early Career Supervision Award</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <i>Co-presentations with graduate students</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Within the last 15 years for JJ Berry Smith Award; or</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Within the last 14 years for the Mid-Career Award; or</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Within the last 6 years for Early Career Supervision Award</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Past and current graduate advisory roles (in a non-supervisory capacity, e.g thesis committee member)</li> <li>○ External appraisals of doctoral dissertations, which includes:</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <i>Appraisal of a thesis or dissertation completed at a university where the nominee was not a faculty member; and</i></li> <li>❖ <i>Appraisal of a thesis or dissertation completed at the same university as the nominee and supervised by a committee that did not include the nominee.</i></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Service related to graduate student support, supervision or mentoring.</li> <li>○ Other activities or accomplishments relevant to graduate student supervision and mentorship.</li> </ul> <p><i>*Please indicate publications with current or former graduate student co-authors using the following notations: highlighting the publication in yellow; and <u>underlining</u> the names of graduate students within each publication.</i></p>
<p><b>3. A completed “Table A – List of Nominators” (Green Table Attached)</b></p>	<p>Complete the table using the excel template attached to the email. (See attached Table A: List of Nominators).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Save file name as “<i>Last Name, First Name - 2026 Table A Form</i>”</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. A completed “Table B – List of Graduate Students” (Blue Table Attached)</b></p>	<p>List all current and former graduate (master’s and doctoral) students including their degree information, current positions, etc. in Excel format (See attached Table B: List of Graduate Students).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Save file name as “<i>Last Name, First Name - 2026 Table B Form</i>”</li> </ul>

**Questions?**

Please refer to the FAQ (attached). If you have any further inquiries about this award, please send an email to [rhse.awards@utoronto.ca](mailto:rhse.awards@utoronto.ca).

Thank you & good luck!