

Shepherd University
School of Graduate and Professional Studies
Douglas C. Smith Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award
Recognized at Faculty Appreciation Ceremony in May 2020

In 2013, the Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award was named in honor of Dr. Douglas C. Smith. With over 40 years experience in higher education, Dr. Smith came to Shepherd in 2007 to start our professional education recertification courses for area teachers. In addition to his scholarly work, Dr. Smith worked with local schoolteachers, administrators and government agencies such as NCTC. Dr. Smith passed away in 2019.

Process: Nominations by faculty or students and self-nominations are accepted. All graduate faculty members, tenured, tenure-track, and affiliate, are encouraged to apply. In addition to this form, please submit required documents (electronic copies preferred) as indicated

Nominations and applications are due by March 26, 2020: School of Graduate & Professional Studies, 212 Byrd Science or electronically to Sherry Donovan (sdonovan@shepherd.edu)

Name of Graduate Faculty: _____

Criteria and Assessment: Highlighted items of Nominee's Annual report is encouraged to address criteria of Teaching, Scholarship, and Service. Nominees must include a statement of contributions to graduate culture.

- Teaching - Teaching evaluations for the academic year of nomination are used (fall evaluations). Only those questions pertaining to the faculty member are reviewed. (Evaluations provided by the office of Institutional Research).
- Scholarship - A scholarly or professional development project must be presented (any book, peer-reviewed article, national or regional or local presentation, grant, or score may be presented)
- Service - A description of community/institutional service in the past year.
- Contribution to Graduate Culture – Outline contributions to graduate culture at Shepherd University beyond teaching.

Process Details:

- From the applications submitted, a list of finalists is generated.
- From the finalists, one winner is selected by the awards committee. The committee is comprised of the Graduate Dean, graduate faculty, and some past award recipients. The Award winner receives a certificate, individual plaque, a financial award for professional development, and their name on a plaque for perpetuity housed with the School of Graduate and Professional Studies.

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