**WCVM GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD FOR NON-CLINICAL TEACHING**

**Award Description:**

The Western College of Veterinary Medicine, through the office of the Associate Dean – Research and Graduate Studies, is pleased to provide an award to recognize graduate student non-clinical teaching.

This award recognizes excellence in instruction, focused on non-clinical teaching in a classroom or laboratory setting, but with contributions from mentoring, or other comparable non-clinical instructional activities. The university has a single campus-wide graduate student teaching award (Provost’s Graduate Student Teacher Award). This college-level award would recognize graduate teaching, serving to ladder awards and make our students more competitive for a subsequent nomination for the campus-wide graduate student teaching award. Due to this reason, University of Saskatchewan graduate student teaching award criteria for assessment will be employed for this award selection.

**Number of awards:** Minimum of 1 per year

**Value of award:** Minimum of $2000

**Deadline for submission:** May 30

**Application link:** *https://wcvm.usask.ca/students/graduate-program/graduate-programs.php*

**Announcement of results:** Fall banquet awards ceremony

**Eligibility:**

To be considered for this Award, applicants must be:

1. Enrolled in a recognized graduate program with the University of Saskatchewan’s College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies at the time the award is granted;
2. A graduate student in good standing of a department within the WCVM, and
3. Supervised or co-supervised by a member of the WCVM faculty (not an adjunct member); and
4. Teaching or assisting in teaching a WCVM offered course for at least one academic term during the past academic year.

**Application Process:**

Only one application may be submitted per student. Previous winners are eligible to reapply.

Applications must be completed online through the [WCVM graduate student website](https://wcvm.usask.ca/students/graduate-program/graduate-programs.php).

Applications will consist of the following materials for consideration:

1. A letter of support from the instructor or course coordinator (maximum 2 pages) addressing how the nominee excels in the aspects considered under the evaluation criteria listed below.
2. The student’s teaching philosophy. (maximum 1 page)
3. The student’s teaching record: Teaching history, nature of contributions, especially pertaining to the course for which the student is nominated. (maximum 1 page)
4. Teaching evaluations: Peer and student evaluations spanning the entire teaching period of the nominee. Additional evidence of teaching excellence such as unsolicited emails from students or professors with knowledge of the nominee’s teaching can also be included.

**Nomination Package Formatting:**

Submit as a single PDF document (no more than 10 pages total) to WCVM research. Standard 12-point font, single spaced, with minimum one-inch margins in numbered pages.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

Applications will be considered, and award decisions made, by the WCVM Graduate Student Awards Committee.

The goal is to subsequently nominate the awardee for a University of Saskatchewan Provost’s Graduate Student Teaching Award that has its own detailed evaluation criteria based on the institutional learning charter. Therefore, the WCVM award uses criteria in alignment with the Provost’s award (<https://teaching.usask.ca/awards-and-funding/teaching-awards/graduate.php>).