Distinguished Postdoc Mentor Award

The Distinguished Postdoc Mentor Award was established by the Office of Postdoctoral Scholars, in The Graduate School of University at Buffalo in 2009 to recognize UB faculty members who excel in the mentoring of postdoctoral scholars. The award also serves to highlight the importance of positive and effective mentoring of postdoctoral scholars. A good mentor not only teaches his/her mentees but also serves as an advocate, advisor, and positive role model during the period of direct training and most often, in the following years. It is anticipated that the Distinguished Postdoc Mentor Award will be awarded on an annual basis.

Eligibility
A nominee must be a faculty member of the University at Buffalo; however, the nominee does not need to be the direct supervisor/PI of the postdoc who is submitting the nomination. Awardees are not eligible to receive the Distinguished Postdoc Mentor Award in consecutive years.

Nominations
Nominations must be made by a postdoctoral scholar at UB, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Research Institute on Addictions, or Hauptman-Woodward Institute, using the official online nomination form at:

https://universityatbuffalo-wgtck.formstack.com/forms/postdocmentoraward

Nominations are limited to one nomination per postdoc per year. Nominations must be submitted no later than May 19, 2016, 5:00pm.

Criteria
The following attributes will be considered in the selection of award recipients:

• Represents a positive role model
• Provides intellectual leadership
• Articulates expectations clearly
• Is supportive/encouraging
• Is enthusiastic
• Is approachable and understanding with a genuine interest in the welfare (scientific and otherwise) of mentee
• Provides career guidance to mentee and encourages career development awareness
• Balances sufficient supervision with freedom for mentee to develop independence
• Promotes responsible conduct of research
• Facilitates introduction of mentees to others in their field
• Advocates for postdoctoral welfare and training

This is by no means an exhaustive list and a mentor does not have to have all of these qualities to be nominated. You are encouraged to describe other qualities of your mentor that you believe you have benefited from as a mentee.

Selection
The recipient will be chosen by the Distinguished Postdoc Mentor Award Selection Committee, which will be chaired by Luis A. Colón, PhD, Associate Dean in the Graduate School, and will also consist of faculty and postdocs. The award recipient will be recognized with a plaque at the 8th Annual Postdoctoral Research Symposium to be held on June 10, 2016 at the Center for the Arts, North Campus.