



Economics

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Department of Economics

2020 Award for Excellence in Teaching by Teaching
Assistants

The Department of Economics Award for Excellence in Teaching by Teaching Assistants has been established to recognize outstanding contributions in teaching by Economics teaching assistants.

Nominations for the award may be made by students in Economics classes, Economics faculty, and sessional instructors. The award will be advertised via Department of Economics e-mail, and posted on Department Bulletin Boards.

Teaching Assistant Teaching Award Selection Criterion

- ✓ Demonstrates an excellent command of the subject and effectively communicates course material to students.
- ✓ Stimulates and challenges students' intellectual capacity; ability to positively influence the development of critical and analytical thinking in students.
- ✓ Demonstrates the ability to engage with students' learning progress and to stimulate enthusiasm and interest; motivates students to participate and succeed.
- ✓ Superior ability to positively interact with Instructor(s) and cooperate with other TA's.
- ✓ Outstanding accessibility to students; in preparation, reliability, and punctuality in tutorial and office hours. Fairness, accuracy, and attention to detail in grading.

Eligibility Candidates must be graduate students in Economics and hold a teaching assistant position in the Department of Economics, Faculty of Arts and Science.

Selection An Awards Selection Committee appointed by the Chair will base evaluation on the documentation submitted by students, faculty, sessional instructors and the department.

Students, faculty and sessional instructors must provide:

- ✓ Letter(s) of nomination
- ✓ Letter(s) of support.

The Department provides:

- ✓ Teaching assistant evaluations
- ✓ Any other relevant supporting documentation.

Nomination Process

Candidates may be nominated by students (as individuals, or as groups such as classes), faculty and sessional instructors. There is no standard nomination form. For each nomination, nominators should write a letter addressing the above selection criteria. Those with questions concerning the nomination process should contact the Graduate Assistant (416)-978-4544; graduate.assistant@economics.utoronto.ca).

Deadlines

Nominations must be submitted to the Graduate Assistant, graduate.assistant@economics.utoronto.ca (Department of Economics, 150 St. George St., Room GE 166), by **April 15, 2020**.