

JANUARY 30, 2009 DEADLINE

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE
**2008 OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARD FOR TEACHING
ASSISTANTS IN THE COLLEGE OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

- **WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AWARD?**

Teaching assistants in the College of Biological Sciences or its courses who have demonstrated excellence in teaching and/or other instructional activities that enhance the undergraduate and/or graduate educational experience at the University of Minnesota

- **WHAT IS THE AWARD PERIOD?**

The award covers nominations received for courses taught from spring semester 2008 through fall semester 2008, including summer session. Nominations will be solicited every semester.

- **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION?**

Any student or group of students taking a course in Biology (Biol), Biochemistry (BioC), Genetics, Cell Biology, and Development (GCD), Plant Biology (PBio), Neuroscience (NSc), Ecology, Evolution and Behavior (EEB), or Microbiology (MicB); and any faculty member, graduate student, or staff member associated with a course in the College of Biological Sciences

- **HOW IS A NOMINATION SUBMITTED?**

On or before January 30, 2009, send a completed nomination form (see reverse) or email the requested information to:

Bruce Fall bafall@umn.edu
3-104 MCB
420 Washington Avenue SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455

Bruce will contact the nominee to solicit from her/him more information and names for additional letters of support. They can also answer questions or help with writing a nomination letter.

- **WHEN IS THE AWARD GIVEN?**

Every spring at the Commencement Ceremony

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TA Award Nomination Form

Use this form for nominating a teaching assistant for the annual Outstanding Performance Award for Teaching Assistants in the College of Biological Sciences and its courses. This award has been created to recognize teaching assistants who have demonstrated excellence in teaching and/or other instructional activities that enhance the undergraduate and/or graduate educational experience at the University of Minnesota.

You may turn in this form alone or preferably with a letter of support for the TA. This letter should name the teaching assistant and give examples of why you think s/he has demonstrated excellence in instructional endeavors. The more detailed and illustrative the letter is, the better. Deadline is January 30, 2009.

Name of Teaching Assistant

Name of Nominator

Address of Nominator

Phone Number of Nominator

Return this form (or the information by e-mail) to either :

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Bruce will contact you for further information, if necessary, and will also contact the nominee for additional information and names of those who may be willing to write supporting letters. TAs are only eligible for this award once. Bruce will let you know if the TA you have nominated has already received the award. (Even if s/he has already won the award, it is very nice to continue to recognize her/his accomplishments with a nomination.) See the reverse side of this form for further information.