CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE

2016 OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARD FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS
IN THE COLLEGE OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

• WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AWARD?
Graduate and undergraduate 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 2016 through fall semester 2016, 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 (NSCI), 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 20, 2017, send a completed nomination form (see reverse) or email the requested information to:

Cheryl Scott, scot0136@umn.edu
3-154 MCB
420 Washington Avenue SE
Minneapolis, MN  55455

Cheryl will contact the nominee to solicit more information including names for additional letters of support. He can also answer questions or help with writing a nomination letter.

• WHEN IS THE AWARD GIVEN?
Every spring at the Commencement Ceremony
TA Award Nomination Form

Use this form to nominate 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 separate letter of support for the TA. This letter should name the teaching assistant and the course he or she taught, and give examples of why you think this TA has demonstrated excellence in instructional endeavors. The more detailed and illustrative the letter is, the better. Deadline is January 20, 2017

Name of Teaching Assistant:

Course taught:

Nominator’s name and email:

Brief justification for nomination:

Return this form (or the information by email) to:

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Cheryl will contact you for further information, if necessary, and will also contact the nominee for additional information including names of those who may be willing to write supporting letters. Previous recipients of this award are no longer eligible; you will be notified if this is the case. (However, even if she or 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.