The William F. Hodges Teaching Assistant Award

This award recognizes outstanding achievement as a teaching assistant by a graduate student in the Department of Psychology. William Hodges was an undergraduate and a graduate student at Vanderbilt who received his doctorate in 1967. He subsequently went to the University of Colorado where he ultimately became a Full Professor and Director of Graduate Studies. He was well known for his research on the psychological impact of divorce, but he was also recognized as a great teacher. After his untimely death in 1992, family and friends established the William F. Hodges Teaching Assistant Award at Vanderbilt to honor outstanding teaching assistants in the Department of Psychology.

The Application Procedure
The nominee must be a current graduate student in the Department of Psychology who served as a teaching assistant for at least one semester in this academic year. Nominations must come from a faculty member in the Department of Psychology. A nomination letter from one or more faculty should (a) briefly describe the student's history of experience as a teaching assistant and what their responsibilities were in each course, (b) summarize the accomplishments of the graduate student as a teaching assistant with reference to student evaluations as appropriate, and (c) place those accomplishment in the context of other excellent teaching assistants in recent years. We especially encourage nomination letters signed by multiple faculty members and will consider achievements as a teaching assistant in past years as well as the current year when deciding the winner of the award.

The winner receives $500. In years when two people win the award, they each receive $250.

Nominations and supported material should be submitted to Erin Duran(erin.duran@vanderbilt.edu), Program Coordinator in the Department of Psychology.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of three faculty from the Department.
Please submit all nomination materials electronically so that we do not need to make multiple paper copies to distribute to the committee.

Timeline
This year's deadline for nominations is **April 14, 2022. Award will be announced during commencement party.**

Number of Awards
We anticipate making an award each year. However, there may be years when we make no award.

Recent Past Winners

Saman Abbaspoor (2022)
Ting-Yun Chang (2021)
Michael Budianto (2020)
HyeonSeung Lee (2020)
Jisoo Sun (2020)
Steven Errington (2019)

Jon Parillo (2018)
Jennifer Coppola (2017)
Taha Bilge (2016)
May Shen & Yao Jiang (2015)
Pooja Balaram (2014)
Doug Godwin (2013)
Neal Morton (2012)