Donald B. Egolf Award
For Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

The Donald Egolf Memorial Teaching Award is now accepting nominations and materials. Open to any current graduate student in the Department of Communication who demonstrates excellence in classroom teaching, the nominee may either teach stand-alone courses or be a recitation leader for an intro class. Honoring a long time Communication faculty member, the award is intended to recognize accomplishment in pedagogy, commitment to diversity in teaching and learning, excellence in instruction, and development in undergraduate teaching.

To be eligible a nominee must have completed two terms of teaching at Pitt and have TWO letters of nomination. Prospective nominees may be nominated by faculty members, graduate student peers in the Department of Communication, or undergraduate students. Self-nominations will not be considered.

Nomination letters and supporting materials should be sent directly to Mary Hamler at hamler@pitt.edu with “Egolf Award Nomination” in the subject heading.

Due Date: March 22nd

Nomination Materials Required

- Two external nomination letters, from faculty, graduate peers, or undergraduate students. One of these must be from a former student (More than two are allowed)
- A professional, concise (one page, single spaced) cover letter discussing accomplishment in pedagogy, commitment to diversity in teaching and learning, excellence in instruction, and development in undergraduate teaching
- A course syllabus and sample assignment/rubric
- Course evaluations (two terms worth, one class per term)
- A faculty report from a teaching observation
- A teaching philosophy

Candidates portfolios will be assessed by a committee comprised of 3 faculty members and a graduate student member. Committee members may not nominate or be nominated during their time on the committee.

A graduate student may be nominated multiple times but may only win the award once.

The $300 prize will be processed through student accounts and the recipient will be recognized at the Graduate and Debate Award Ceremony.