

Undergraduate Research Mentor Award

The Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities (RSCA) Advisory Board is seeking nominations for the Undergraduate Research Mentor Award. We seek to recognize faculty mentors who have made extraordinary efforts to enable undergraduate(s) in the process of intellectual growth through research, scholarship, and/ or creative experiences outside of the classroom setting. We are particularly interested in activities that would otherwise go unrecognized. Nominations may be made by any faculty or staff member (including members of the RSCA Advisory Board).

The nomination should consist of a letter from a faculty member (no more than 500 words) that describes the extraordinary efforts of the nominee. These efforts should go beyond the typical activities associated with the supervision of credit bearing independent study, research, one-on-one lessons or studio classes and should have occurred within the past 3 years. The nomination should also include a statement from a student (currently enrolled or recently graduated) of no more than 250 words describing their mentor's efforts. Lastly, the nominee should send her/his CV.

The RSCA Advisory Board will choose one mentor for the award. We are interested in how the nominee has enabled students' intellectual growth in the discipline. The nomination letters that provide a personal account of outstanding mentoring and/or commitment to the student/faculty collaboration, rather than simply listing the nominee's accomplishments are most helpful. The awardee will be announced at the Student Research Symposium. We expect to offer the awardee \$500 for conference travel in the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Letters of nominations and CVs should be sent to rsca@newpaltz.edu (please include 'mentor award' in the subject line) on April 12, 2012. Hard copies may be dropped off in CSB 105. Awards will be announced at the Student Research Symposium to be held on Friday May 4, 2012.