

Jack E. Cermak Undergraduate Student Advising Award

For recognition in graduate student advising and mentoring

Nomination and Selection Process

The Jack E. Cermak Advising Award has been presented annually to outstanding advisers across campus since 1984-5. Jack E. Cermak was a Professor in Civil Engineering who endowed this award because of his strong belief in the value of academic advising. This award serves to highlight and reward, in a small way, the extraordinary efforts of truly outstanding advisers, who go above and beyond the basic good advising role.

The Nominee cannot have received the award **in the past seven years** (see the list of past Cermak Award Recipients on the Provost's website). The selection committee will choose up to four (4) individuals to receive the Jack E. Cermak Advising Award each year. Please note that, at Dr. Cermak's request, no more than one will be recognized for graduate advising and no more than one will be awarded to an administrative professional advisor.

To complete the nomination for a Jack E. Cermak Advising Award, **the Nominator**, must submit the following:

1. **A completed Nomination Form** (see the 2-page "Nomination Form" on the Provost's website)
2. **A statement of nomination** indicating why the adviser deserves the award, including how the nominee embodies the Characteristics of Excellent Advising, supported with concrete examples. The statement must be limited to no more than two pages, double-spaced, have at least 1" margins, and have at least a 10-point font.
3. **Three letters total from current or former students** who have been advised by this person. The adviser may suggest students or alumni who might be willing to write such a letter.
4. **A letter of support from a supervisor or department chair** of the nominated adviser which must be limited to no more than two pages, double-spaced, have at least 1" margins, and have at least a 10-point font.
5. **A statement of advising experience and philosophy by the Nominee**, including how that experience and philosophy relates to the Characteristics of Excellent Advising, which must be limited to no more than two pages, double-spaced, have at least 1" margins, and have at least 10-point font.

Submit an electronic copy of the complete nomination packet with the nomination form to kristin.mravinec@colostate.edu by 4 p.m. February 1. The subject line of the email should read "Cermak Award – nominee's name". No hard copies, no late submissions will be accepted.

A selection committee of at least five individuals – faculty advisers, professional academic advisers, and students will be convened and chaired by the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs to determine the award winners. Selection will be announced at the *Celebrate Colorado State* Reception in April.