Name of Award
Mentor of the Year

Sponsor
The Vanderbilt Postdoctoral Association and The Graduate School

Eligibility
Anyone who has served as a mentor to a postdoctoral scholar at Vanderbilt in any capacity is eligible for this award.

Criteria
- Willingness to share expertise and advice.
- Accepting of the mentee for the phase of their career and what are the needs of the mentee to advance their career in the direction they have chosen to go.
- Service to the community at large, including other mentoring activities.
- Scholarship within the mentor’s own career: publications, awards, presentations, and honors.

Nomination Process and Selection
- The VPA solicits nominations from all postdoctoral scholars at Vanderbilt by mid-March.
  - Nominations will be submitted in the form of a recommendation letter.
- The VPA Symposium Planning Sub-committee reviews and votes on all nominations to.

Frequency
The award will be presented annually by the Dean of the Graduate School each spring at the Annual VPA & Shared Resources Symposium.

Award
Plaque
Announcement in Postdoc Talk and other Vanderbilt University news