



Nutrition Obesity Research Center

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS

**Colorado Nutrition Obesity Research Center
AWARDS PROGRAM – 2025**

The Colorado Nutrition Obesity Research Center (NORC) is an NIH funded center grant with a mission to foster interdisciplinary translational programs of research and education related to nutrition, obesity, and obesity-related complications and treatments.

The purpose of the Colorado NORC Awards Program is to recognize outstanding individuals in our research community who have a significant impact on the NORC's research and training environment. We hope to engage the entire research base in identifying technical staff, trainees, and faculty members that we acknowledge with these awards each year. Every NORC-affiliated administrator, PRA, clinical coordinator, trainee (students and fellows), other staff, and faculty member can nominate one individual for each award.

Nominations for each award must be submitted **by the end of day on October 31st, 2025**, to be considered by the awards committee. Nominations for each award will be collated and reviewed by the awards committee which consists of the prior 3 year's awardees.

All nominations must be submitted online through their respective weblinks, where additional details regarding eligibility and review criteria can also be found. Keep in mind that past award winners (see page 3) are not eligible for the same award for the 3 subsequent years.



AWARD CATEGORIES and NOMINATION LINKS

Outstanding Research and Education Support in 2025

This award recognizes outstanding individuals (PRAs, administrators, and other technical staff) in our research community who have made significant contributions through technical and administrative support to the NORC's research and educational objectives.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ResearchEducation2025>

Outstanding Graduate Student of 2025

This award recognizes the efforts of graduate students in our research community who make significant contributions to the NORC's success through their research accomplishments, leadership, and service.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GraduateStudent2025>

Outstanding M.D. Instructor/Fellow of 2025

This award recognizes the M.D. fellows and junior faculty (recently promoted) who have made significant contributions to the NORC's success through their research accomplishments, leadership, and service. Those who have recently been promoted to faculty are eligible for this award.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MDInstructorFellow2025>

Outstanding Ph.D. Instructor/Fellow of 2025

This award recognizes the Ph.D. post-doctoral fellows and junior faculty (recently promoted), who have made significant contributions to the NORC's success through their research accomplishments, leadership, and service. Fellows who have recently been promoted to a faculty rank of instructor or Assistant Professor are eligible for this award.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PhDInstructorFellow2025>

Outstanding Faculty Member of 2025

This award recognizes the junior and mid-level faculty members (Instructor, Assistant Professor, or Associate Professor) who make significant contributions to the NORC's research enterprise through their scholarly achievements, leadership efforts, and service.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FacultyMember2025>

Outstanding Mentor of 2025

This award recognizes faculty members (Instructor – Full Professor) in our research community who have made significant contributions to the NORC's success through their mentoring and educational activities.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OutstandingMentor2025>



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PAST AWARD WINNERS

(from last 3 years - NOT eligible for this year's awards)

Outstanding Research and Education Support

2022 - Kristen Bing
2023 - Leslie Knaub
2024 - Olivia Schmidt

Outstanding Graduate Student

2022 - Michael Nash
2023 - Matthew Breit
2024 - Francesca Cendali

Outstanding M.D. Instructor/Fellow

2022 - Stephanie Gilley
2023 - John Michael Taormina
2024 - Rebecca Rosenberg

Outstanding Ph.D. Instructor/Fellow

2022 - Emily Hill
2023 - Ana Pinto
2024 - Tyler Cook

Outstanding Faculty Member

2022 - Matthew Jackman
2023 - Stephanie Wesolowski
2024 - Annie Caldwell

Outstanding Mentor

2022 - Philip Zeitler
2023 - Daniel Bessesen
2024 - Noel Mueller