

David T. Blackstock Mentor Award

Application Deadline: **Tuesday, October 1st 2020**



Purpose:

The Student Council David T. Blackstock Mentor Award is designed to recognize a person who demonstrates an exceptional ability to guide the growth of their mentees.

Eligibility:

The nominee must be a member of the ASA to be eligible for this award. Any ASA member, other than those currently serving on the Student Council, may submit an application as the primary nominator for this award. Up to two additional nominators (not required to be ASA members) may submit letters of support.

Selection Criteria:

The intent of the award is to recognize those who show excellence in a wide variety of mentoring areas. The evaluation of this will be based upon the submission of a copy of the award nominee's current CV and letters of support from one primary nominator and one to three additional nominator(s).

To this end, a nominee should demonstrate outstanding achievement in the following:

Professional Mentorship:

- **Provides technical assistance:** Aids in the direction/development of projects, offers detailed and correct knowledge, directs mentees to appropriate technical resources
- **Offers professional development:** Provides informed career/workplace advice, points out career opportunities, keeps current on the latest developments in the field
- **Fosters networking opportunities:** Engages with other professionals, assists in building community connections

Personal Mentorship:

- **Available to mentees:** Willing and able to communicate, devotes consistent time and thought to mentee development
- **Approachable to mentees:** Establishes good rapport, provides and asks for feedback, values diverse perspectives, creates a non-judgemental environment
- **Serves as a beneficial role model:** Has had career successes and acts fairly, ethically and compassionately

Application Materials:

Applications should be submitted in one single package by the primary nominator. The application package should include the following:

- Application form
- Award nominee's current CV
- Letter from the primary nominator
- At least one (but up to three) letter(s) from the additional nominator(s)

Formatting: There is no length or formatting requirements for the award nominee's CV. All letters of support should be provided with formal / professional letterhead using one-inch margins, 12 point Times New Roman or Arial font, single line spacing, with a maximum length of one page.

Award Timeline & Nomination Consideration:

Applications for this award will be reviewed and voted upon by the ASA student council at the meeting following the submission deadline. Once a winner is chosen, that winner, along with the primary nominator, will be notified of the award. If the awardee is able to attend the next ASA meeting following the student council vote, the award will be formally presented at the Students' Reception (typically Wednesday evening of the meeting).



If not selected to receive the award, as often many extremely qualified applications are received, the application will be automatically considered for an additional two award cycles. An award cycle is every 1.5 years, so it will be considered for a total of 3 awards cycles, up to three years after the first unsuccessful application. After that year, a new, full application must be submitted for additional consideration for the award.

If you would like to make minor changes to an unsuccessful application within the two award cycle consideration period, the primary nominator should complete the Application Updates Form. This Application Updates Form should be submitted in the same way as the other materials, with any new supporting documentation. Possible updates include adding new additional nominators if fewer than three were used previously and attaching an updated CV for the award nominee. A new application form and any unchanged application materials do not need to be re-submitted.

If any major changes are needed to the application, such as removing additional nominators or changing the primary nominator, please submit a new, full application.

Application Submission:

Applications and reference information shall be submitted to the Acoustical Society of America by email only (due to COVID-19) no later than **Tuesday, October 1st 2020**.

By email: asa@acousticalsociety.org