

COSAM Academic Awards Selection Process

- All nominations for awards are submitted through Qualtrics to the COSAM ADAA Office (basic nominee information, including the names/emails of recommendation letter writers, is collected during this phase – letters will be collected later by Department Awards Reps)
 - Any faculty, staff, or student may submit nominations (self-nominations are acceptable)
- Nomination information is distributed to Departmental Awards Representatives for further processing.
- Departmental Awards Reps are responsible for collecting letters of support and uploading completed nomination packages to Box.
 - All departmental selections for Outstanding Junior and Dean's Medalist are submitted to the COSAM ADAA Office via Box (due **Friday, January 31st**)
 - All recommendations for GTA, faculty, and international student awards are submitted by the Department Awards Reps to the COSAM ADAA Office via Box (due **Friday, January 31st**)
 - All recommendations for the President's Award and Comer Medals are submitted by the Department Awards Reps to the COSAM ADAA Office via Box (due **Friday, January 31st**)
- GTA and faculty award nominations are distributed to COSAM Academic Awards Committee members for selection.
- International Student Award nominations are reviewed and selected by the COSAM Dean's Office.

Outstanding Junior Awards

- Each COSAM department/program submits one selection for **Outstanding Junior**, with the following exceptions:
 - DBS selects up to two Outstanding Juniors
 - Biomedical Sciences selects up to two Outstanding Juniors

Senior Awards (Dean's Medal, Comer Medal, President's Award)

- Each COSAM department/program submits one selection for **Dean's Medalist**, with the following exceptions:
 - DBS selects up to two Dean's Medalists
 - Biomedical Sciences selects up to three Dean's Medalists
- Dean's Medalists are automatically considered by college-level awards committees for other Senior awards (i.e. President's Award, Comer Medal). A department's/program's Dean's Medalist can be selected for other Senior awards in addition to the Dean's Medal. A department/program may also recommend for other Senior awards strong candidates who were not selected for Dean's Medal. It is the responsibility of the Departmental Awards Rep to communicate their wishes regarding Dean's Medalists and other strong candidates to the COSAM ADAA Office. There is no limit to the number of recommendations received from a department/program for other Senior awards.

- COSAM Academic Awards committees make every effort to select awardees from different departments/programs for the following:
 - President's Award (one award annually)
 - Comer Awards (two awards annually – one for Biological Sciences and one for Physical Sciences)

Graduate Student Awards

- Faculty, students, and staff may submit nominations for the **COSAM Outstanding GTA Awards**. There is no limit to the number of nominations received from a department/program.
- Faculty, students, and staff may submit nominations for the **COSAM Outstanding International Student Award**. There is no limit to the number of nominations received from a department/program.
- A graduate student may potentially be selected for both the COSAM Outstanding GTA Award and the COSAM Outstanding International Student Award, but these are separate nomination and selection processes.

Faculty Awards

- Faculty, students, and staff may submit nominations for the **COSAM Outstanding Faculty Undergraduate Mentor Award**. There is no limit to the number of nominations received from a department/program.
- A faculty member may potentially be selected for both the COSAM Outstanding Faculty Undergraduate Mentor Award and the **Provost Award for Faculty Excellence in Undergraduate Research Mentoring**, but these are separate nomination and selection processes.
- Faculty, students, and staff may submit nominations for the **COSAM Outstanding Faculty Teacher Award**. There is no limit to the number of nominations received from a department/program.
- A faculty member may potentially be selected for both the COSAM Outstanding Faculty Teacher Award and the **Gerald and Emily Leischuck Endowed Presidential Awards for Excellence in Teaching** and/or the **Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award**, but these are separate nomination and selection processes.

University Awards (these are NOT selected by COSAM committees, but by University committees)

- The **Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards** are awarded to graduating Seniors, selected by the AU Office of Student Affairs, and are not related to the COSAM Academic Awards nomination and selection processes. However, COSAM students have consistently received Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards over the past several years, and we encourage COSAM faculty and staff to nominate our high-achieving students. A graduating Senior could potentially receive the Algernon Sydney Sullivan award and another COSAM Senior award (i.e. Dean's Medal, Comer Medal, or President's Award).

2025 COSAM Academic Awards Committees Representatives

<i>Department Awards Representatives</i>	
Name	Department
Maggie Han	Dean's Office
Daniel Jones	Biological Sciences
Elizabeth Schwartz	Biomedical Sciences
Evert Duin	Chemistry & Biochemistry
Stephanie Shepherd	Geosciences
Dmitry Glotov	Mathematics & Statistics (UG)
Yanzhao Cao	Mathematics & Statistics (GR)
Minseo Park	Physics
<i>GTA, Teacher, Mentor Awards Committee</i>	
Name	Department
Maggie Han	Dean's Office
Rebecca Riggs	Biological Sciences
Elizabeth Schwartz	Biomedical Sciences
Evangelos Miliordos	Chemistry & Biochemistry
Marilyn Vogel	Geosciences
Yanzhao Cao	Mathematics & Statistics
Minseo Park	Physics
<i>Comer Medal and President's Award Committee</i>	
Name	Department
Maggie Han	Dean's Office
Paul Cobine	Biological Sciences
Elizabeth Schwartz	Biomedical Sciences
TBD	Chemistry & Biochemistry
Stephanie Shepherd	Geosciences
Dmitry Glotov	Mathematics & Statistics
Minseo Park	Physics