

Hello everyone, and welcome to the GSAS End of Year Celebration. I'd like to say a few brief words to celebrate our students' accomplishments this year. Award recipients, please stand or wave when your award type is mentioned so we can acknowledge you.

We have our TA award recipients, who demonstrated excellence in undergraduate teaching across departments.

Our conference award recipients received funding from GSAS because they were accepted to present at conferences in their fields.

Our PhD and master's research award recipients earned funding to support them in their innovative dissertation and thesis research.

The Provost Dissertation Award recipients also earned funding to help them with their advanced doctoral work, and the Mandel Dissertation research grants went to students doing dissertation work in the humanities, arts, and humanistic social sciences.

Our students who won Department Prize Instructorships for this year and University Prize Instructorships for next year created exciting undergraduate courses that will promote student engagement.

Our Connected PhD grant recipients and Higher Education Administration Interns worked on projects and internships that allowed them to develop skills that will serve them well in multiple careers.

The winners and finalists from our Three Minute Thesis competition did an excellent job distilling their research down to three minutes and presenting it in an engaging way. A special congratulations to Emiliano Gutierrez Popoca, who placed first in the Northeastern Association of Graduate Schools (NAGS) 3MT competition and received first place out of a total of 31 participants!

And our Graduate Department Representatives have worked hard all year to support their fellow students and play an important role in the lives of their departments.

We'd also like to acknowledge our faculty members who received this year's mentorship award for excellent mentorship of graduate students.

In addition to Brandeis honors, our students had many external accomplishments this year. These include receiving prestigious grants, fellowships, and awards; presenting at conferences; publishing their writing; giving external performances; and receiving commissions for their work. We honor them here as well and encourage all students to seek out both internal and external opportunities.

Thank you to all students, faculty, staff, and friends for attending today. Enjoy the taco bar!