**University of South Carolina**

**College of Nursing**

**Nomination Guidelines for Best Research Mentor Award**

The purpose of the **Best Research Mentor Award** is to recognize a USC College of Nursing faculty member who has demonstrated a commitment to mentoring and engaging faculty and/or students in the conduct of research and scholarship. As the impact and importance of research mentoring varies by rank/educational status, two awards will be granted: one for faculty mentoring and one for student mentoring.

1. Nominations can be made by any College of Nursing faculty member or student (undergraduate or graduate). Faculty members may nominate a “peer mentor” or senior-level mentor.
2. To be eligible for nomination, the research mentor must be a tenure-track/tenured, clinical or research-track faculty member whose primary appointment is in the College of Nursing.
3. Faculty nominations will be evaluated by a committee of non-College of Nursing faculty and research-related staff. Student nominations will be evaluated by a committee of College of Nursing students and a non-College of Nursing faculty member. Both of these committees will be convened by the Research and Scholarship Day Task Force.
4. Recipients will be notified by the Chair of the Research and Scholarship Day committee and recognized during the event’s awards ceremony.
5. The Award recipients will receive a certificate and honorarium.

**Best Research Mentor Award Student Nomination Form**

Name of person making recommendation:

How long have you been working with your mentor?

What is your status? Undergraduate student\_\_\_\_ Graduate student\_\_\_\_ Faculty member \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to keep this nomination anonymous? \_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

Can we share your comments with your mentor? \_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

*\*please note if your mentor is awarded, some of your comments may be used during the award ceremony. Your name will NOT be given during the ceremony.*

Name of your mentor:

Mentor’s Email:

**Describe how your mentor has impacted your research and/or scholarly experience and why you think your mentor deserves this award. Please use specific examples. Successful nominations should reflect the mentor’s influence on your research and personal, professional, and/or academic success. (350 words maximum)**

Email completed form to Gene Brown (gemeding@mailbox.sc.edu) **by Friday, March 19, 2021.**