

# Ethel Ashworth-Tsutsui Memorial Awards

Each year Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) sponsors an awards program that recognizes the research and mentoring efforts of women on this campus. These awards are offered in honor and remembrance of Ethel Ashworth-Tsutsui, a long time member of the faculty of the Biochemistry/Biophysics Department here at Texas A&M University. Dr. Tsutsui was a founding member of WISE and cared deeply about the retention and recognition of women in our graduate programs.

Women graduate students are invited to apply for these awards. Faculty members are encouraged to nominate deserving individuals.

## Mentoring Award

The Ethel Ashworth-Tsutsui Award for Mentoring was established to honor women graduate students, post-doctoral researchers and research staff who take action to encourage and support women graduate students at Texas A&M University. Graduate student nominees must have completed at least two semesters at Texas A&M University and currently be enrolled. Previous award recipients of Ethel Ashworth-Tsutsui or Susan M. Arseven awards are not eligible for nomination. Nominations may be made by a peer or by a Texas A&M faculty member. Award recipient will receive a \$500 monetary award, certificate, and plaque.

## Research Award

The Ethel Ashworth-Tsutsui Award for Research was established to honor women graduate students who have demonstrated excellence in research. Nominees must be women graduate students currently enrolled in a graduate program at Texas A&M University. They must have completed at least two semesters of graduate study at Texas A&M University and be enrolled for at least six semester credit hours during the semester in which they are nominated. Previous award recipients of Ethel Ashworth-Tsutsui or Susan M. Arseven awards are not eligible for nomination. Nominations may be made by the candidate or by a Texas A&M University faculty member. Award recipients will receive a \$500 monetary award, certificate, and plaque.

*Two awards will be presented for Research and one for Mentoring. The awards will be presented on November 16, 2009 in conjunction with the Ethel Ashworth-Tsutsui Memorial Lecture. Award recipients will be notified prior to the lecture.*

## Dr. Ethel Ashworth-Tsutsui

*Dr. Ethel Ashworth-Tsutsui was a Professor of Biochemistry and Biophysics at Texas A&M University where she taught biology and biochemistry from 1969 until her death in January 1998.*

*Ethel's efforts as an educator were recognized by numerous awards including Outstanding Alumnae for Kenka College, Outstanding Educator of America and the Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching in the College of Agriculture from the Texas A&M University Association of Former Students. She was instrumental in the establishment of women's programs at Texas A&M University, serving as a member of the Program Advisory Committee for Women's Studies in 1988 and 1989 and as the Director of Women's Studies for 1993-94. Ethel also served as the first Chair of the Committee on the Status of Women in the University for the TAMU Faculty Senate.*

*As a feisty fighter, a loyal friend, and a nurturer of women scientists, Ethel could always soothe with compassion and understanding, uplift with praise and encouragement. She had an indomitable force of spirit and yet a deeply gentle and humorous nature. Women in Science and Engineering wishes to continue Ethel's legacy of nurturing the intellectual spirit in all women by offering these awards.*

## Nomination Form

Please include the following items with this form by October 21, 2009:

**for Mentoring:** a letter of nomination from a Texas A&M University faculty member that emphasizes your characteristics as a mentor; a letter of nomination from a peer describing your unique mentoring capabilities; and a graduate transcript.

**for Research:** a letter of nomination from a Texas A&M University faculty member that emphasizes your research accomplishments; a one-to-two page, double-spaced summary of your research, its significance, and its relationship to your career plans (the language and style of this summary must be intended for interdisciplinary reviewers who are not specialists in your area); a current vita that includes a list of refereed publications, other publications, oral presentations, and poster presentations; and a graduate transcript.

Please check one:  Research  Mentoring

Nominee

E-mail

Department

Degree Program

Date Graduate Program Began

Nominator

E-mail

Department

Campus Mail Stop

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for Mentoring, for Research**

**2009 Nomination Form**

**Nomination Deadline: October 21, 2009**

Please return all nomination materials in a sealed envelope by 5:00 p.m., October 21, 2009 to:

Dr. Nancy Magnussen  
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OR by mail to:

Women in Science & Engineering  
College of Science  
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College Station, TX 77843-3257

About WISE:



**Women in Science and Engineering (WISE)** at Texas A&M University is an organization of graduate students, staff, and faculty from various science and engineering backgrounds. This group was created to address the specific problems that often face women in non-traditional fields. WISE sponsors speakers, workshops, an annual professional and career development conference, the "Expanding Your Horizons" annual conference for 6th grade girls, and a mentoring program.

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