



Awards

President's Awards for Employee Excellence (formerly the Employee Excellence Awards)

Designed to recognize the excellence of our staff in all roles, through categories that reflect the cultural elements that make working at Cornell so special. Awardee are announced at a celebration luncheon attended by Cornell's president, vice president and chief human resources officer, university senior leadership, nominees, their guests, and supervisors. Click here for [more information](#), including nomination criteria and a list of past recipients.

Constance E. Cook and Alice H. Cook Awards

Awarded to recognize a commitment to women's issues and improvement of the climate for women at Cornell. The awards are named for Constance Cook, Cornell's first woman vice president, and Alice Cook (no relation to Constance), one of the first women faculty members at the ILR School. Both were early advocates for women at Cornell.

Staff Kudos

An annual luncheon recognizing staff members who are nominated by Cornell faculty or staff for going above and beyond in their work. Nominations can be submitted to the Employee Assembly through on [online form](#).

Faculty Awards and Recognition

The Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GPSA) accepts nominations for the annual awards for excellence in the teaching, advising, and mentoring of graduate and professional students at Cornell.

George Peter Award for Dedicated Service

Awarded to Cornell staff members who consistently demonstrate a high degree of excellence in the performance of their duties and who prove their willingness to extend themselves to help others and go above and beyond the normal expectations of their job responsibilities. The award is the longest running and most prestigious university-wide peer-nominated award.

Opperman Award for Staff Advocacy

The award, which was created in honor of Vice President Mary Opperman, is given semiannually by the Employee Assembly to an employee who consistently demonstrates commitment to encouraging and supporting staff excellence. All Cornell staff, faculty and academic professionals are eligible for consideration for this award. Nominations can be submitted by staff members only.

Cornell University Partners in Sustainability Awards

The Cornell University Partners in Sustainability Awards (CUPSA) recognize individuals and teams who have exemplified the sustainability values of Cornell, made significant and notable contributions to the sustainable development and social equity of the Cornell campus, or displayed outstanding partnership for advancing sustainability within our campus and community. [Nominate yourself and your team, or other outstanding members of the campus, and community.](#)