

Award	Who's eligible?	Who can nominate?	What's required?
John Wulff Award for Excellence in Teaching an Undergraduate Subject	Any graduate student TA for exceptional performance in teaching a Course 3 fall 2025 or spring 2026 undergraduate subject	Any DMSE faculty, instructor, or MIT student registered in materials science and engineering	Nomination form
Graduate Student Teaching Award in Teaching a Graduate Subject	Any graduate student TA for exceptional performance in teaching a Course 3 graduate subject in fall 2025 or spring 2026	Any DMSE faculty, instructor, or MIT student registered in materials science and engineering	Nomination form
Graduate Student Community Service Award	Any DMSE graduate student who has excelled in service in the department or in the broader materials community (e.g., K-12 involvement)	Any DMSE community member (faculty, staff, students)	Nomination form
Exceptional Graduate First-Year Performance Award	Any first-year graduate student who has performed exceptionally. A case for excellence can be based on a combination of grades, research, and other accomplishments, but should not be	Any DMSE faculty member or graduate student advisor	Nomination form

	based on grades alone.		
Best Paper Award for Second- or First-Year Student	Given for a journal publication written by a first- or second-year graduate student. The publication needs to be submitted, but not necessarily accepted.	Any DMSE faculty member or graduate student advisor; students can also self-nominate	1) Nomination form 2) Letter(s) from faculty member documenting/indicating the extent of the student's contribution to the paper
Best Doctoral Thesis Award	Awarded to a DMSE student graduating in the current academic year (September 2025, February 2026, May 2026) with a PhD/ScD degree for excellence in doctoral research	Any DMSE faculty or DMSE graduate thesis advisor; students can also self-nominate	1) Nomination Form 2) Statement from the student describing the thesis, including a short abstract of the thesis research and publication list 3) Letter of support from thesis advisor(s) 4) One additional letter of support from a thesis committee member