The department of Engineering Management and Systems Engineering wants to recognize outstanding graduate student teaching assistants (GTAs) in order to promote good teaching, show the department’s commitment to teaching at all levels, and reward outstanding GTAs who excel in teaching.

An Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award(s) will be given in the spring semester based on the student evaluations of teaching for the previous spring, summer, and fall semesters, along with input from the EMSE faculty. Multiple certificates of accomplishment may also be given in those semesters when more than one GTA shows exceptional teaching performance, although up to two awards can be given each year. The award(s) will consist of a plaque and certificate of accomplishment, along with a monetary award of $500.

The eligibility and criteria for awarding the Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award(s) will include the following:

1) All GTAs with student evaluations greater than an overall average of 3.5 for all classes taught during the previous calendar year (spring, summer, and fall) will be eligible for the outstanding graduate student teaching award(s).
2) On a case-by-case basis, the award committee will discuss the eligibility of a GTA to receive an award in those situations where the GTA teaches multiple sections and does not automatically qualify for consideration since they have an overall evaluation lower than 3.5, even though some of their individual evaluations are higher than 3.5.
3) All student evaluations used for determining awards must have at least six student responses to qualify as a valid evaluation.
4) Only EMSE GTAs are eligible.
5) GTAs can win the award multiple times.
6) The teaching award committee will be comprised of various EMSE faculties.