



## VIA Award Nomination Form

The BU VIA (Values in Action) Award honors individuals who exemplify dignity, fairness, and respect in ways that strengthen the Boston University community and advance our mission. Through this nomination, you have the opportunity to recognize colleagues whose leadership, service, and value-driven actions create meaningful impact, on campus and beyond.

The VIA Award celebrates staff members who embody BU's commitment to integrity, inclusion, compassion, and civic responsibility. These individuals consistently model behaviors that uplift others, foster belonging, and reinforce our shared values. Their contributions (big and small) help make BU's culture stronger, more connected, and more aligned with our mission of excellence and service.

Please review the guidelines below and complete the form to submit your nomination.

### Nomination Guidelines

Nominees should demonstrate excellence in living BU's core values, while also exemplifying the VIA values of dignity, fairness, and respect through actions that create meaningful, positive impact on Boston University and/or the Greater Boston community. Nominations should highlight how the individual:

- Models dignity by treating all individuals with respect, compassion, and humanity.
- Demonstrates fairness through integrity, equity, and principled decision-making.
- Embodies respect by fostering inclusion, valuing diverse perspectives, and building community.
- Advances BU's mission through leadership, service, mentorship, innovation, or civic engagement.
- Strengthens BU culture by creating environments where others feel valued, supported, and inspired.

Additional requirements:

- Nominations may be submitted by peers, supervisors, or direct reports.
- Each nomination must include a narrative and at least two endorsements.
- Nominations must be submitted by the published deadline to be considered.
- Nominees must be current BU staff members, in good standing, with at least three years of service and not serving on the selection committee.
- Self-nominations are not permitted.

If applicable, please describe how the nominee's contributions have positively impacted the Boston community or advanced BU's mission of service and civic engagement. This may include partnerships, volunteerism, outreach, or other forms of community connection.

### Section 1: Nominee Information

Nominee Name:

Department/Unit:

Email Address:

### Section 2: Nominator Information

Your Name:

Your Department/Unit:

Your Email Address:

Relationship to Nominee:  Peer  Supervisor  Direct Report  Other:

**Section 3: VIA Values Demonstrated (select one or more)**

- Dignity: Treating others with respect and compassion
- Fairness: Acting with integrity, equity, and principled judgment
- Respect: Fostering belonging and valuing diverse perspectives
- Service: Demonstrating commitment to BU and/or the Boston community
- Leadership: Inspiring others and strengthening BU culture through actions aligned with our mission

**Section 4: Nomination Narrative**

Please describe how the nominee demonstrates the selected VIA value(s) and how their actions reflect one or more of Boston University's core values. Include specific examples, outcomes, and the impact on the university and/or Boston community. **(1000 words max)**

**Section 5: Endorsements (required)**

Please include at least two endorsements from colleagues, supervisors, direct reports, or community partners, and complete the information below.

Endorser 1:

Name:

Title/Affiliation:

Email Address:

Endorser 2:

Name:

Title/Affiliation:

Email Address:

**Section 6: Supporting Materials (optional)**

Attach any documents, links, testimonials, or other materials that support this nomination.

Signature:

Date:

**Once complete, please submit the form to [applause@bu.edu](mailto:applause@bu.edu)**