Kristi is being recognized for an ACE Award Honorable Mention and here is a summary why:

Kristi is the director for the Global Initiative for Neuropsychiatric Genetics Education in Research (GINGER), a research training program. She is being recognized with an ACE honorable mention due to her outstanding contributions to all aspects of GINGER. Kristi built GINGER from the ground up in half the time it was expected to launch (6 months vs one year). Over the past five years she has led the program across several institutions in Africa. With limited availability to travel and host in-person trainings due to COVID, Kristi created a cohesive group of trainees who are able to collaborate with many colleagues here at the Harvard Chan School.

Her colleagues highlighted that her passion, humility, dedication, and ability to navigate power dynamics is impeccable; she understands what it means to collaborate and work with low-resourced institutions in Africa. One nominee said, “When approaching relationship management, Kristi operates from the perspective that, as power dynamics increase, individual self-orientation must be moderated. With this approach, she is often able to hear what is not being said.” Although the program runs on collaborative teamwork and institutional commitments, her nominees attribute it is success due to her dedication, hard work, and strategic leadership.

As director of the GINGER program, Kristi is providing the world with a positive view of Harvard and the Harvard Chan School when dealing with foreign entities; it demonstrates that a Harvard Chan community is a global community. Amazing work, Kristi!