

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Academic Federation Award for Distinguished Service

The Academic Federation invites nominations for the Distinguished Service Award. Recipients and their achievements may be highlighted in UC Davis promotional articles or videos.

ELIGIBILITY: All members of the Academic Federation who have not previously won the award are eligible for nomination by members of the UC Davis community.

DESCRIPTION: The Award is presented by the Academic Federation in recognition of the candidate's meritorious contributions through distinguished service. The Distinguished Service Award, which includes an honorarium, is based on recognition of the University's tradition of excellence in public service and demonstrates the commitment of the Davis campus to continuing this tradition.

DEFINITION: Service activities contribute to the University's mission of discovering and advancing knowledge beyond Research and Teaching. For this award, distinguished service is expected to reflect the Academic Federation (AF) member's focused and sustained service to the University, and/or disciplinary or technical expertise contributed to the public and nonprofit sector, reflecting the candidate's university appointment (i.e., title). It is service associated with the candidate's AF appointment, but goes beyond appointment expectations. Grant-supported service is acceptable. Service resulting in significant monetary gain (e.g., private consulting) is not considered service for this award, nor is service performed as a private citizen that does not reflect the candidate's university appointment (e.g., membership in local service clubs) or as an elected public official (e.g., city council).

Examples of service activities that could be used to show meritorious impact include:

- Consultations, advice and/or recommendations to government boards, commissions or agencies.
- Development and dissemination of information of community, state, national and/or international importance into practical knowledge.
- Participation in university-affiliated free clinics that are run by medical students and undergraduates.
- Membership on boards, commissions or special committees of international, federal, state or local bodies.
- Research for or collaboration with public agencies, boards, commissions, task forces or committees.
- Service to community groups, nonprofit organizations and/or the general public in meetings, workshops and conferences, including presentations to these, or through the media.
- Educational and other projects that have system-, community-, state- or higher-level impact.
- Service that addresses inequities (food and housing insecurities, education, etc.)
- Participation in University Service with demonstrable impact beyond what is typical.

NOMINATIONS: Nominations shall consist of a single PDF file including (1) a completed nomination form, (2) a nomination letter (no more than two single-spaced, typewritten pages) and (3) a standard CV for the candidate that includes (but is not limited to) employment history (including AF title(s), when appointed), publications, and service (at UC Davis and elsewhere). The letter should provide a comprehensive summary of the qualities and accomplishments that warrant the candidate to be considered for the award, focusing on the scope and impact of their service efforts. It is incumbent on the nominator(s) to provide a brief description of the candidate's title/appointment responsibilities (e.g., % research, teaching, service), and how the service goes beyond expectations of the appointment. If service resulted in personal financial gain, please describe. The committee considers nominations with long-term as well as short-term distinguished service. The nominator should ensure that documentary evidence is available; however, supporting materials should not be attached to the nomination. All nominations must be either student- or peer-submitted. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

FINALISTS: The Academic Federation Executive Council ad hoc committee will review the nominations. The Committee may request a more complete dossier to complete their selection.

DEADLINE: Thursday, December 14, 2023

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION: All nomination materials must be submitted as one PDF by the deadline. Incomplete nomination materials will be accepted but will not be reviewed or considered by the committee. It is the nominator's responsibility to ensure the packet is complete. Submit nominations to the Academic Federation Awards at afawards@ucdavis.edu. Questions should be emailed to Policy Analyst, Liz Lopez at lizlop@ucdavis.edu.