

Call for Nominations: Academic Federation Distinguished Service Award

The Academic Federation invites nominations of candidates for the Distinguished Service Award.

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, which includes an honorarium, is presented by the Academic Federation in recognition of significant contributions to the world, nation, state and/or local community through distinguished service. The Distinguished Service Award is based on our 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 is an organized activity of an Academic Federation member that can be performed for the university or for the public sector. For the purposes of this award, distinguished service is the focused and sustained direct extension of an Academic Federation member's service to the University or disciplinary or technical expertise to the public and non-profit sector. Service resulting in significant monetary gain (private consulting) is not considered service for this purpose, nor is service performed as a private citizen (membership in local service clubs) or as an elected public official (city council). The candidate's service while employed elsewhere will be considered, but the extent of service while an Academic Federation member at UC Davis will be the primary factor in the evaluation. Typically, service comprises activities such as these:

1. Participation in University Service such as guest lecturing and committee service.
2. Testifying before international, federal, state or local legislative, executive or judicial hearings, meetings, boards or commissions.
3. Consultations, advice and recommendations to government boards, commissions or agencies.
4. Membership on boards, commissions or special committees of international, federal, state or local bodies.
5. Research for or collaboration with public agencies, boards, commissions, task forces or committees.
6. Service to community groups, nonprofit organizations and the general public in meetings, workshops, and conferences, including presentations to these, or through the media.
7. Development and dissemination of information of state, national and/or international importance through the production of non-profit documentary videos or film.

The departmental MSO/Administrative Assistant or Chairperson can usually supply information related to a candidate's service record.

Nominations: Nominations should be in the form of a letter (not to exceed two single-spaced, typewritten pages) providing a comprehensive summary of the qualities and accomplishments that would warrant the candidate to be considered for the Award.

Submission Checklist: The following items must be submitted:

1. A letter focusing on the scope and impact of the service efforts. The letter should also describe any characteristics of the nominee that sets him/her apart from other Academic Federation members, such as his/her philosophy, objectives, or impact. 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.
2. The Award Nomination Form found here:
<http://academicfederation.ucdavis.edu/awards/index.html>.

Finalists: The Academic Federation Executive Council ad hoc committee will review the nominations, and if deemed necessary, will select finalist candidates for further consideration. In this case, the Committee may request a more complete dossier from selected finalists, to be submitted electronically.

Recipient: The recipient of the 2017-2018 Distinguished Service Award will be honored at a combined Academic Senate and Academic Federation awards reception during the Spring Quarter 2018. In addition, the recipients and their service may be highlighted in UC Davis promotional articles or videos that discuss their service, and the importance of service.

DEADLINE for Nominations: January 26, 2018

All nominations must be received electronically by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 26, 2018. Nomination materials must be submitted as a single PDF and should be addressed to the Academic Federation Executive Council – Subcommittee for the Distinguished Service Award and sent electronically to afawards@ucdavis.edu. The subject line should read as follows: Distinguished Service Award Nomination: [Name of Nominator] nominates [Name of Nominee]. Questions concerning nominations should be emailed to Academic Senate Analyst, Sierra Feldmann at smfeldmann@ucdavis.edu.

This Call is also available on the Academic Federation website at:
<http://academicfederation.ucdavis.edu/awards/index.html>.