Frequently Asked Questions about
Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research
(for Undergraduate students)

What is the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research?

The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research/Dean Keith Simonton Prize, is an annual award instituted in 1994. The award recognizes outstanding undergraduate students for their research, scholarship or creative activity tied to any academic subject while at UC Davis.

Who is the eligibility for this award?

- ➢ Nominees must be graduating from UC Davis in the 2016-17 year (fall, winter or spring), and/or eligible to participate in the June commencement ceremonies (i.e., summer 2017 graduates).
- ➢ Nominees must have conducted their research under the direction of a UC Davis faculty member.
- ➢ Nominees' research may be in any major or academic subject at UC Davis.
- ➢ Although there is no GPA requirement, students must be in good academic standing and must be considered an outstanding undergraduate researcher by their faculty research sponsor.

How are students selected for the award?

An administrative committee reviews each nomination, selection of the awardee is based on the quality of the overall application materials and research project.

Who may nominate students?

Faculty research sponsors (professors) may nominate students.

Who may write the letters of support?

- ➢ Academic senate or federation members
- ➢ Post docs, graduate students or staff, or
- ➢ Undergraduate students

What are the benefits to winning the award?

Undergraduate recipients of the prestigious award receive:

- ➢ a $500 Simonton Prize
- ➢ an engraved plaque
- ➢ special recognition at the Chancellor's Award Reception
- ➢ a seat on stage and recognition during your commencement ceremony

What can I submit to highlight my research?

Students should submit a paper/research project or design element that is complete or nearly complete. Selection is based on the demonstration of outstanding contributions to research.

How do I find out more about the award and the nomination process?

Students interested in submitting an application should consider attending an information session, where we will discuss the application process and successful application strategies. Click on the links below for more information.

When is the deadline to apply?

The deadline to apply and upload your project is **Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.**