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## Frequently Asked Questions about the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Mentoring Undergraduate Research

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### Mentoring Undergraduate Research: **Faculty Award**

This annual award was instituted in 1994 as a way to emphasize the importance and visibility of the faculty's contribution to the excellent mentoring of and advocacy for undergraduate research. Nominees may be associated with any program, college or school at UC Davis. Click [here](#) for a list of previous award recipients.

### Mentoring Undergraduate Research: **Postdoc/Graduate Student Award**

This annual award was instituted in 2015 as a way to recognize the valuable contributions of postdoc and graduate student mentors to the excellent mentoring of undergraduate research. Nominees may be associated with any program, college or school at UC Davis. Click [here](#) for a list of previous award recipients.

### How are candidates selected for the awards?

Successful candidates must be exceptional for his/her contribution to the mentoring and education of undergraduates in research. The Chancellor's Award Selection Committee reviews nominations and selects a winner for each award.

### Is this award for a candidate's research/scholarship or for their mentoring of undergraduate students?

The award is solely focused on a candidate's mentoring of undergraduate students during their time at UC Davis.

### Who may nominate faculty and postdocs/grad student mentors for each of these awards?

Faculty, postdocs, and graduate students mentors may be nominated by:

- Undergraduate students
- Postdocs
- Graduate students
- Staff
- Academic senate or federation members

### How many letters are required?

- Two letters are required (and third is optional).
  - One letter of nomination from the list above.
  - One additional letter of recommendation from the list above.
  - A third letter of recommendation is optional.
    - Letters may be no more than 2 pages long, 12-point font, single spaced.
    - Letters co-signed by 2 or more people (e.g. by several students) are also acceptable.

### Can I nominate my post-doc if they no longer work at UC Davis?

- This award is reserved for faculty, postdoc and graduate student mentors who are *current* employees only.

### What do award recipients receive?

The recipient of each prestigious award will receive:

- a \$500 monetary award
- a special plaque
- special recognition at the Chancellor's Award Reception

### When is the deadline to apply?

**The deadline is Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.**