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To: Deans

From: R. Michael Tanner 
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Re: University Scholars Program, Academic Year 2009-10

The Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs has announced the twenty-fifth year of the University Scholars Program, which provides tangible recognition of faculty excellence. A description of this prestigious program, sponsored by the Office of the President, is attached. The program provides three-year awards to faculty members who have demonstrated superior performance in scholarly activities in both research and teaching and who show great promise for future achievements.

Funds will be provided in three consecutive academic years, beginning with 2009-10, to the UIC campus to support seven University Scholars.

Attached you will find a description of the University Scholar Award, guidelines for nominations, and a list of past recipients. The deadline for receipt of nominations is **Friday, February 20 2009**. Nominations should be filed with the Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs c/o Elmira Perkins, Room 513 Student Center East (SCE), M/C 303. You may contact Elmira Perkins at extension (6-5669) or at eperkins@uic.edu if you have questions.

Information can also be accessed at URL: <http://www.uic.edu/depts/oaafaculty/awards.html>. Your assistance in identifying distinguished UIC faculty nominees for the University Scholar Awards will be greatly appreciated.

Please bring this announcement to the attention of your faculty.

Attachments

c: B. Joseph White, President
Mrinalini C. Rao, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Eric A. Gislason, Interim Chancellor
Mo-Yin Tam, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

University of Illinois

UNIVERSITY SCHOLAR AWARDS

Faculty excellence is the cornerstone of any university of high quality. There is no more important task at the University of Illinois than attracting and retaining the very best teachers and scholars. The University Scholars Program is designed to identify outstanding members of the faculty and to provide each with a modest amount of funds annually for a defined number of years. The importance of these awards lies in the flexibility with which the funds may be spent. Recipients may use the funds at their discretion to enhance their scholarly work, except for salary rate increases, which are not permitted. The awards are not made for a specific project or proposal; rather, they are a symbol of the recipient's excellence and the University's commitment to foster outstanding people and their work. Therefore, the awards are made through nominations, not by application.

University Scholars

Awards of \$10,000 per year will be made on a three-year basis to members of the faculty whose work is clearly superior. University Scholars may be individuals already on the University of Illinois faculty, or the awards may be used to attract faculty from other institutions to the University. Nominees for these awards will be carefully screened to assure that those selected are among the very best in their fields.

Award recipients will be recognized at the Faculty Awards Banquet in the fall.

Guidelines for the UIC University Scholar Award Nominations Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Please Note: This process is **confidential**. A nominator **should not** inform the individual of his or her nomination. University Scholar Award recipients will be notified by the President in late summer.

Eligibility Guidelines

1. Nominators often will be the chair or head of the faculty member's unit; when this is not the case, it is requested that a nominator submit a copy of the nomination materials to the appropriate head or chair for endorsement.
2. Nominees need not come from the nominator's own unit.
3. Department heads and chairs are themselves eligible for nomination.
4. Past University Scholars are not eligible for the Award.

Format Guidelines for Nomination Materials

1. Nomination materials must include an up-to-date copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae and bibliography, and, most importantly, a detailed statement of justification from the nominator. Previous Review Panels have found clear, but detailed, statements of justification to be of significant value in their deliberations.
2. State clearly that this nomination is for the University Scholar Award.
3. Outside letters of appreciation or recommendation **should not** be included.
4. A nominator should make every effort to include **complete** information on the history of the nominee's research funding and external awards and prizes.
5. Nominators should keep in mind that nomination materials will be reviewed at the campus level by a panel of faculty from differing disciplines, i.e., non-specialists. For this reason, nominators are urged to include a description of what **criteria are especially important for defining excellence and national eminence in the nominee's field of learning**.

Processing Guidelines

1. All nominations must be routed through and carry the endorsement of the Dean of the respective College before submission to the Office of the Provost. These nominations may be rank ordered.
2. An original and fifteen (15) copies of each nomination should be submitted to the Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, c/o Elmira Perkins, Room 513 Student Center East (SCE), m/c 303 by **Friday, February 20, 2009**.
3. This process is **confidential**. A nominator **should not** inform the individual of his or her nomination. University Scholar Award recipients will be notified by the President in late summer.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

2008-2011

University Scholars

Marc E. Culler, Math, Statistics and Computer Science
Yoshitaka Ishii, Chemistry
Marcia E. Lausen, Art and Design
Bing Liu, Computer Science
Hayat Onyuksel, Pharmaceuticals and Bioengineering
Maria Varelas, Curriculum and Instruction
Richard Ye, Pharmacology
Walter Benn Michaels, English

2007-2010

University Scholars

Charles J. Hoch, Urban Planning and Policy
Gyungho Lee, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Krishna R. Reddy, Civil and Environmental Engineering
Sol Shatz, Computer Science
Anthony Tasset, School of Art and Design
Gregory R. Thatcher, Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy

2006-2009

University Scholars

Robert Bruegmann, Art History
Gerald Graff, English
Derong Liu, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Alexander Neyfakh, Pharmaceutical Biotechnology (*Posthumous*)
Beth Richie, African-American Studies
Prasad Sistla, Computer Science
George Uslenghi, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Clement Yu, Computer Science

2005-2008

University Scholars

Farid Amirouche, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering
Juan Carlos Campuzano, Physics
Alexander Mankin, Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy
William Schubert, Curriculum and Instruction
Stephen Smith, Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science
JoEllen Wilbur, Public Health, Mental Health and Administrative Nursing

2004-2007

University Scholars

John T. Baldwin, Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science
Michael E. Johnson, Center for Pharmaceutical Biotechnology
Steve Jones, Communication
Gary Wayne Kielhofner, Occupational Therapy
Daniel Peterman, Art and Design
Jasti S. Rao, Biomedical and Therapeutic Science
Taffy E. Raphael, Education
Michael A. Stroschio, Bioengineering

2003-2006University Scholars

William T. Beck, Biopharmaceutical Sciences
Karen J. Colley, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
John D'Emilio, History
Susan J. Friedlander, Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science
Doris A. Graber, Political Science
Janet L. Larson, Medical Surgical Nursing
Richard Van Breeman, Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy

2002-2005University Scholars

Suzann Campbell, Physical Therapy
Stanley Pliska, Finance
Jezekiel Ben-Arie, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Mary Beth Rose, English
Leon Fink, History
Nicholas Huggett, Philosophy
Patrick Tolan, Psychiatry

2001-2004University Scholars

Primal de Lanerolle, Physiology and Biophysics
Sherman Elias, Obstetrics and Gynecology
Samuel Fleishacker, Philosophy
Inigo Manglano-Ovalle, Art and Design
Victor Margolin, Art History
Arye Nehorai, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Bonnie Spring, Psychology

2000-2003University Scholars

Richard V. Benya, Medicine
Mun Y. Choi, Mechanical Engineering
Asgerally Fazleabas, Obstetrics and Gynecology
Donald R. Hedeker, Epidemiology and Biostatistics
Ahmed Riahi-Belkaoui, Accounting
Stephanie Riger, Psychology
Herbert J. Walberg, Educational Psychology

1999-2002Senior University Scholars

Asrar Malik, Pharmacology
Kerry James Marshall, Art and Design
Charles Mills, Philosophy
John Pezzuto, Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy

University (Junior) Scholars

Andrei Gudkov, Molecular Genetics
Bin He, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Richard John, History
John Marko, Physics

1998-2001Senior University Scholars

David Braddock, Disability and Human Development

James Cracraft, History

Anton Hopfinger, Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy

James Park Sloan, English

University (Junior) Scholars

Brian Bauer, Anthropology

Judy Bolton, Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy

Arun Ghosh, Chemistry

Krishna Shenai, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

1997-2000Senior University Scholars

William C. Ayers, Education

Peter G. W. Gettins, Biochemistry

Yasuko Nakajima, Anatomy and Cell Biology

Esther Parada, Art and Design

Roger P. Weissberg, Psychology

University (Junior) Scholars

Nigel D. Browning, Physics

Peggy McCracken, Spanish, French, Italian, and Portuguese

1996-1999Senior University Scholars

David P. Jordan, History

Peter B. Shalen, Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science

Simon D. Silver, Microbiology and Immunology

Djaja Djendoel Soejarto, Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy

University (Junior) Scholars

Frank J. Chaloupka, IV, Economics

Julia A. Fish, Art and Design

Lucio Frydman, Chemistry

David T. Hansen, Education

1995-1998Senior University Scholars

Shari S. Diamond, Psychology

Heidi E. Hamm, Physiology and Biophysics

Cynthia J. Jameson, Chemistry

Abigail Salyers, Microbiology

University (Junior) Scholars

Eric Arnesen, African-American Studies and History

Luke Hanley, Chemistry

David E. Marker, Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science

Dean Toriumi, Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery

1994-1997Senior University Scholars

Tapas Das Gupta, Anatomy and Surgery

Peter W. Hylton, Philosophy

Charles K. Rhodes, Physics

Harris Ripps, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences

University (Junior) Scholars

Robert H. Costa, Biochemistry

Lon S. Kaufman, Biological Sciences

1994-1997Senior University Scholars Continued

Robin J. Mermelstein, Psychology

Israel (Rudi) Rubinstein, Medicine

Jeffrey J. P. Tsai, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

1993-1996Senior University Scholars

Louis H. Kauffman, Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science

A. Douglas Kinghorn, Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy

Michael L. Sinnott, Chemistry

1993-1996University (Junior) Scholars

Albert S. Benight, Chemistry

Robert Grossman, Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science

Nicole Jordan, History

Constance C. Meinwald, Philosophy

1992-1995Senior University Scholars

Geoffrey Cordell, Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy

Robert Gordon, Chemistry

George Huppert, History

University (Junior) Scholars

David Crich, Chemistry

Lawrence Ein, Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science

Nancy Guerra, Psychology

Lester Lau, Genetics

Martha Pollak, History of Architecture and Art

Mrinalini Rao, Physiology and Biophysics

Susan Ross, Biochemistry

1991-1994Senior University Scholars

A. Samad Hedayat, Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science

Timothy Keiderling, Chemistry

Ernest Pascarella, Education

R. John Solaro, Physiology and Biophysics

University (Junior) Scholars

Suresh Aggarwal, Mechanical Engineering

William Covino, English

Ron Elber, Chemistry

Steven Hurder, Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science

1990-1993Senior University Scholars

Mary Carruthers, English

Ervin Erdos, Pharmacology

Richard Kraut, Philosophy

Tadao Murata, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

University (Junior) Scholars

Shelly Kagan, Philosophy

Margalit Moky, Microbiology and Immunology

Peter Scheff, Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences

Michael Trenary, Chemistry

1989-1992Senior University Scholars

Wolfgang Boerner, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Ananda Chakrabarty, Microbiology and Immunology

Thomas DeFanti, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Vera Pless, Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science

1989-1992University (Junior) Scholars

Henri Gillet, Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science

Michael Kahn, Chemistry

Lawrence Keeley, Anthropology

Sean McConville, Criminal Justice

James Parente, German

Mark Rasenick, Physiology and Biophysics

1988-1991Senior University Scholars

John M. Davis, Psychiatry

Norman Farnsworth, Pharmacognosy

Daniel Graupe, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Sidney Levitsky, Surgery

Michael Lieb, English

Sami Said, Medicine

University (Junior) Scholars

King-Tim Mak, Information and Decision Sciences

Ran Ziemer, Ophthalmology

1987-1990Senior University Scholars

Jose Arruda, Medicine

Tanis Bryan, Education

Barry Chiswick, Economics

Sheldon Dray, Microbiology and Immunology

Michael Friedman, Philosophy

Lore Segal, English

University (Junior) Scholars

Igor Roninson, Genetics

Stephen Yau, Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science

1986-1989Senior University Scholars

Wai-Kai Chen, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Michael Barany, Biological Chemistry

Ruth El Saffar, Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese

Morton F. Goldberg, Ophthalmology

Robert Remini, History

University (Junior) Scholars

Clark Hulse, English

Ned Lukacher, English

Howard Masur, Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science

Sidney Robinson, Architecture

1985-1988

Senior University Scholars

Edwin Curley, Philosophy

Richard Jensen, History

Laurie Larwood, Management

Paul Lauterbur, Medical Information Science

Mark O. M. Tso, Ophthalmology

1985-1988

University (Junior) Scholars

Jonathan Arac, English

Jack L. Davis, Classics

Geula Gibori, Physiology and Biophysics

Peter Bacon Hales, History of Architecture and Art

Mi Ja Kim, Medical-Surgical Nursing

Dimos Poulidakos, Mechanical Engineering

Graciela Lucia Reyes, Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese

Daniel Scott Smith, History

Robert Storti, Biological Chemistry

Robert Wirtshafter, Psychology