

November 12, 2011

To: Deans  
From: Lon Kaufman  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost  
Re: University Scholars Program, Academic Year 2012-2013

The Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs has announced the twenty-eighth 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 2012-13, 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 17, 2012**. Nominations should be filed with the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, c/o Elmira Perkins, Room 513 Student Center East (SCE), m/c 303. Please check the guidelines for new submission requirements. You may contact Elmira Perkins at extension (6-5669) or at [eperkins@uic.edu](mailto: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.**

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Attachments

c: Michael Hogan, President  
Christophe Pierre, Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Paula Allen-Meares, 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 Celebration in the fall.

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

**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. Nominators 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 Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost. These nominations may be rank ordered.
2. An original packet and an electronic copy in PDF format on single CD should be submitted to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, c/o Elmira Perkins, Room 513 Student Center East (SCE), m/c 303 by **Friday, February 17, 2012**.
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

### **2011-2014**

#### University Scholars

Isabel Cruz, Computer Science  
Pradeep Dudeja, Medicine  
Hannah Higgins, Art History  
Jason Leigh, Computer Science  
Christina Mazza, English  
Pradip Raychaudhuri, Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics  
Jason X.J. Yuan, Medicine

### **2010-2013**

#### University Scholars

Marc S. Atkins, Psychiatry  
Xiaoping Du, Pharmacology  
Cecilia Gerber, Physics  
Jie Liang, Bioengineering  
Dan Schonfeld, Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Alfred Thomas, English  
Rosemary White-Traut, Women, Children and Family Health Science

### **2009-2012**

#### University Scholars

Frances R. Aparicio, Latin American & Latino Studies  
Dimitri T. Azar, Ophthalmology and Visual Science  
Edwin H. Cook, Psychiatry  
Douglas A. Garofalo, School of Architecture  
Nissim Hay, Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics  
Thomas J. Royston, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering  
Orui Wolfson, Computer Science

### **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

**2006-2009 Continued**

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. Strocio, Bioengineering

**2003-2006**University 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

**2002-2005**University 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

**2001-2004**University 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

**2000-2003**University 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

**1999-2002**Senior 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

**1998-2001**Senior 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

**1997-2000**Senior 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

**1996-1999**Senior 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

**1995-1998**Senior 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

**1994-1997**Senior University Scholars

Tapas Das Gupta, Anatomy and Surgery  
Peter W. Hylton, Philosophy  
Charles K. Rhodes, Physics  
Harris Ripps, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences  
Robin J. Mermelstein, Psychology  
Israel (Rudi) Rubinstein, Medicine  
Jeffrey J. P. Tsai, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

University (Junior) Scholars

Robert H. Costa, Biochemistry  
Lon S. Kaufman, Biological Sciences

**1993-1996**Senior University Scholars

Louis H. Kauffman, Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science  
A. Douglas Kinghorn, Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy  
Michael L. Sinnott, Chemistry

University (Junior) Scholars

Albert S. Benight, Chemistry  
Robert Grossman, Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science  
Nicole Jordan, History  
Constance C. Meinwald, Philosophy

**1992-1995**Senior 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

**1991-1994**Senior 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

**1990-1993**Senior 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 Mokyr, Microbiology and Immunology

Peter Scheff, Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences

Michael Trenary, Chemistry

**1989-1992**Senior 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

University (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

**1988-1991**Senior 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

**1987-1990**Senior 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

**1986-1989**Senior 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

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