

# UCLA Academic Senate



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Faculty Prize

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*An Award for Academic Excellence*

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## **Special Announcement**

Gold Shield Faculty Prize Now Awarded Annually In Order  
to Recognize a Greater Number of Deserving Faculty

The Award will Alternate Between  
“North” and “South” Campuses

The Gold Shield Faculty Prize, first offered in 1986 by Gold Shield, Alumnae of UCLA, provides a \$30,000 award in two \$15,000 installments, to an exceptional mid-career full professor in a department with an undergraduate program. Initially designed as a biennial award, the Prize is now given annually in order to recognize a greater number of deserving faculty. Beginning with the 2005-2006 academic year and continuing each spring of even-numbered years, an outstanding professor from the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences will be selected. In the spring of each odd-numbered year, the winner will be selected from the Physical Sciences, Health Sciences, Life Sciences, and Engineering. **This year the recipient shall be selected from “North” Campus.**

# ABOUT THE GOLD SHIELD FACULTY PRIZE PROGRAM

## Purpose

The purpose of the Gold Shield Faculty Prize is to recognize and reward UCLA faculty members who have demonstrated extraordinary accomplishment in undergraduate teaching and in research or creative activity, together with evidence of public service within the University. In the belief that distinguished senior faculty receive significant recognition and reward, Gold Shield seeks through the Faculty Prize to recognize high achieving faculty in the middle years of their academic careers.

## History

The Gold Shield Faculty Prize, An Award for Academic Excellence was established by Gold Shield, Alumnae of UCLA, in 1986 to commemorate Gold Shield's fiftieth anniversary. Gold Shield members and friends raised funds for a \$250,000 Endowment through a campaign held between 1983 and 1986. Subsequent donations have brought the Endowment to nearly \$450,000. The amount of the Prize, originally \$25,000 for the two-year award duration, is now \$30,000. In 1999-2001, the Gold Shield Faculty Prize winner offered a lower division general education course taught through the Honors Program. In 2005, the Gold Shield Award was expanded in order to be granted on an annual basis, alternating between 'north' and 'south' campuses.

## Award Category

The Gold Shield Faculty Prize Selection Committee will name one Gold Shield Faculty Prize winner. The recipient of the Prize will receive a \$30,000 cash prize in two \$15,000 installments. In addition, the recipient will receive an elegant plaque and media exposure. Two celebrations are held to honor the recipient: 1) a reception at the Faculty Center following the official announcement at the Academic Senate spring Legislative Assembly meeting; 2) a Gold Shield Event in the fall of the succeeding academic year attended by supportive alumni and faculty.

## Criteria

In evaluating many outstanding people, the main characteristics which the Gold Shield Faculty Prize Selection Committee considers are extraordinary accomplishment in research or

creative activity, an outstanding record in teaching undergraduate students, and evidence of public service, which should be demonstrated by excellence in the following areas:

- Impact on and involvement with undergraduate students (e.g., changing students' lives in some way)
- Scholarly approach to teaching (e.g., the use of innovative teaching methods in the classroom; programmatic innovations in curriculum and the impact such innovations might have at a local or national level)
- Size, number, and diversity of classes taught
- Influence on the field of research (e.g., the eventual success of the research or creative activity; more than one field of research, national and international recognition)
- Evidence of public service within the University, loyalty to UCLA, enthusiasm, and creativity
- Support from colleagues

Only nominees from the designated area of campus shall be considered in a given year. **This year the recipient shall be selected from "North" Campus.** The applicant must be an individual who is a full Professor. Preference shall be given to those in the "middle years" of his/her academic career and to those who have received a doctoral degree at least 10 years prior to faculty prize nomination.

## The Judging Process

The Gold Shield Faculty Prize Selection Committee composed of two previous award winners, two Gold Shield representatives, four Senate faculty, and one undergraduate representative will assess the nominees.

All candidates will be evaluated in one cycle of three to four weeks duration after the nomination deadline has passed, typically in the month of March. The final decision will be made in early April.

## Entry Instructions

All Nominations must arrive at the Academic Senate Office by 5 p.m. on **February 19, 2010.**

- A nomination may be made by any UCLA faculty member other than the nominee
- Self-nominations will not be accepted
- Submit only one package of materials
- No joint nominations will be accepted

## **Eligibility**

- **The nominee must come from a department from “North” campus.**
- Nominees must hold the rank of Full Professor in a field that has an undergraduate degree program
- Nominees must have held the above academic title for at least one year
- In addition to demonstrated excellence in research or creative activity and evidence of public service within the University, the nominee must have made a significant contribution to undergraduate education
- He/she may currently teach students at the graduate or undergraduate level

## **Entry Steps**

1. COMPLETE THE NOMINATION FORM ON PAGE 7. The Gold Shield Faculty Prize Selection Committee uses information on the nomination form for all future correspondence with you and your department, as well as for publicity efforts for winning professors. Please double check that the information on the form is accurate and legible.
2. INCLUDE A NOMINATION LETTER NO LONGER THAN FIVE PAGES. This letter is critical. It should describe what makes the candidate’s teaching, research and creative activity distinguished as opposed to good or merely adequate.
3. ATTACH A CURRICULUM VITAE. The judges need a concise presentation of the professor’s education, teaching experience, other teaching awards, publications, service and other creative work. Priority should be given to activities and awards that focus on Undergraduate teaching, research, creative work and University public service.
4. SUBMIT THE PROFESSOR’S TEACHING LOG FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS. Please list only the course titles with the year taught and approximate enrollment.
5. ATTACH TWO LETTERS OF SUPPORT. Two letters must be written by faculty knowledgeable in the field of the nominee. While other letters may also be submitted, only the letters from the faculty will be considered in the judging process.

Letters should discuss the professor’s success in and dedication to teaching and research and give specific examples of how the nominee fulfills the program’s criteria.

6. STUDENT EVALUATIONS are also helpful in the evaluation process.

**Please place nominations in a folder or binder.**

## **Resubmissions**

The following material should be submitted for re-entries:

- An updated nomination form
- An updated curriculum vitae and bibliography
- An updated teaching log
- A new nomination letter from the nominator dated for the 2009-2010 program
- Additional letters of support and exceptional student evaluations

## **The Entry for Each Nomination**

Mail or hand deliver your nomination to **Gold Shield Award Committee**, Academic Senate Office/Gold Shield Faculty Prize, 3125 Murphy Hall, 140801.

# **GOLD SHIELD FACULTY PRIZE RECIPIENTS**

## **1986-88**

Michael E. Jung (Chemistry and Biochemistry)

## **1988-90**

Patricia M. Greenfield (Psychology)

## **1990-92**

Jeffrey C. Alexander (Sociology)

## **1992-94**

J. William Schopf (Earth and Space Sciences)

## **1994-96**

Albert R. Braunmuller (English)

## **1996-98**

Peter M. Narins (Physiological Science)

## **1998-00**

Robert B. Goldberg (Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology)

## **2000-02**

Utpal Banerjee (Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology)

## **2002-04**

Richard Kaner (Chemistry and Biochemistry)

## **2004-06**

Andrea Ghez (Physics and Astronomy)

## **2006**

Robert Watson (English)

## **2007**

William Kaiser (Electrical Engineering)

## **2008**

Alicia Gaspar de Alba (Chicana/o Studies)

## **2009**

Robin Garrell (Chemistry and Biochemistry)

# Gold Shield Faculty Prize

## *An Award for Academic Excellence* **2010 Nomination Form**

Gold Shield, Alumnae of UCLA, has established an annual faculty prize of \$30,000 to be awarded to a faculty member who is active in a field that has an undergraduate degree program at UCLA. A candidate must have demonstrated achievement and potential of extraordinary quality in teaching and in research or creative activity, together with an acceptable level of public service within the University. The nominee must be:

- A Full Professor in a department with Undergraduate Teaching from "North" Campus  
Preference shall be given to those:
- In the middle years of his/her academic career
- Who have received a doctoral degree at least 10 years prior to Faculty Prize nomination

The Nomination Form and Supporting Materials should be sent to:

**Gold Shield Faculty Prize  
Academic Senate Office  
3125 Murphy Hall  
140801**

All materials must reach the Senate Office by **February 19, 2009**.  
Announcement of the recipient will be made in the Spring Quarter.

In a letter of no more than five pages:

- Summarize the nominee's professional history at UCLA
- List positions held and honors received by the nominee
- Include names of courses taught by the nominee (with year and approximate enrollment)
- Nominee's University public service
- Descriptions of noteworthy publications and other creative work done by the nominee
- Any other information that you feel will assist the selection committee may also be submitted (e.g., additional letters of recommendation, exceptional student evaluations, accomplishments from earlier years, etc.)

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION:**

NAME OF NOMINEE (in full, surname in capitals): \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR OF DOCTORAL CONFERRAL: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR JOINED UCLA FACULTY: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT ACADEMIC RANK (including step): \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ COLLEGE OR SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF NOMINATOR (include title & department): \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_ HOME: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list names of other faculty members knowledgeable in the field of the nominee who will be sending supporting letters. At least two letters from such faculty members are needed.

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