ABOUT THE GOLD SHIELD FACULTY PRIZE

The Gold Shield Faculty Prize, first offered in 1986 by Gold Shield, Alumnae of UCLA, provides an unrestricted $30,000 award in two annual $15,000 installments, to an exceptional mid-career full professor who has a distinguished record of undergraduate teaching. Initially designed as a biennial award, the Prize is now given annually in order to recognize a greater number of deserving faculty. Each spring of even-numbered years, an outstanding professor from the North campus (Arts and Architecture, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theater, Film & Television) will be selected. In the spring of each odd-numbered year, the winner will be selected from the South campus (Physical Sciences, Health Sciences, Life Sciences, and Engineering.) This year the recipient shall be selected from “South” Campus.

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 in 1986 by Gold Shield Alumnae of UCLA 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 annually. Since 2005, the Gold Shield Faculty Prize has been granted annually, 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 award in two $15,000 installments. The winner will be announced at the Legislative Assembly meeting in June, 2015. In addition, the recipient will receive media exposure and an elegant plaque. The recipient will be honored at the Gold Shield fall event and will be the guest speaker at a subsequent Gold Shield program.

Eligibility

- Only nominees from the designated area of campus shall be considered in a given year.
- This year, the recipient shall be selected from “South” Campus.
- Nominees with a distinguished record of undergraduate teaching must hold the rank of Full Professor
- 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.
- Preference shall be given to nominees who are in the middle years of their academic careers.
- Preference shall be given to nominees who have received a doctoral degree at least 10 years prior to being nominated for the faculty prize.
- The nomination of a Full Professor in a department in which doctoral degrees are not awarded at UCLA, but who holds the highest degree awarded by that department and who meets all of the other criteria for eligibility may also be considered.
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:

- Involvement with undergraduate students (i.e. impacting their lives in a significant way)
- Scholarly approach to teaching (i.e. 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 (i.e. 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

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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 review the nominations.

All nominations will be evaluated over a three to four week period following the nomination deadline. The prize recipient will be selected in early April and announced at the June Legislative Assembly meeting.
**Entry Instructions**

All nominations are submitted online via the Academic Senate’s ATmySenate Web Portal:  [http://atmysenate.ucla.edu](http://atmysenate.ucla.edu).

**Nominations must be uploaded by February 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.**
- Please do not submit paper nominations.
- Nominations must be submitted by a UCLA faculty member other than the nominee. Self-nominations will not be considered.

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**Entry Steps**

1. **UPLOAD 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.

2. **UPLOAD 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.

3. **UPLOAD THE PROFESSOR’S TEACHING LOG FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS.** Please list only the course titles with the year taught and approximate enrollment.

4. **UPLOAD LETTERS OF SUPPORT.** 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.

5. **UPLOAD STUDENT EVALUATIONS**

If you have further questions, contact Annie Speights [aspeights@senate.ucla.edu](mailto:aspeights@senate.ucla.edu), in the Academic Senate Office. You may also contact Tanis Harris, Gold Shield Faculty Prize Chair [tanisjoy@aol.com](mailto:tanisjoy@aol.com).
GOLD SHIELD FACULTY PRIZE RECIPIENTS

1986-88 Michael E. Jung (Chemistry & Biochemistry)
1988-90 Patricia M. Greenfield (Psychology)
1990-92 Jeffrey C. Alexander (Sociology)
1992-94 J. William Schoph (Earth & Space Sciences)
1994-96 Albert R. Brunmuller (English)
1996-98 Peter M. Narins (Physiological Science)
1998-00 Robert B. Goldberg (Molecular, Cell, & Developmental Biology)
2000-02 Utpal Banerjee (Molecular, Cell & Developmental Biology)
2002-04 Richard Kaner (Chemistry & Biochemistry)
2004-06 Andrea Ghez (Physics & Astronomy)
2006 Robert Watson (English)
2007 William Kaiser (Electrical Engineering)
2008 Alicia Gaspar de Alba (Chicana/o Studies)
2009 Robin Garrell (Chemistry & Biochemistry)
2010 David Gere (World Arts & Cultures)
2011 Matthew Lieberman (Psychology/Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sciences)
2012 Kevin Terraciano (History)
2013 Luisa Iruela-Arispe (Molecular, Cell, & Developmental Biology)
2014 Brenda Stevenson (History)