



November 22, 2016

To: Deans

From: Susan Poser 
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Re: University Scholars Program, Academic Year 2017-18

The Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs has announced the thirty-third 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 a three-year award 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 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, 2017**. 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. The nomination packets must be submitted as a hardcopy original and along with an electronic copy in PDF format. Please contact Elmira Perkins at (312) 996-5669 or email eperkins@uic.edu if you have questions.

Information and guidelines for submission can also be accessed at: <http://faculty.uic.edu/awards/>. Your assistance in identifying distinguished UIC faculty nominees for the University Scholars Program will be greatly appreciated.

Please bring this announcement to the attention of your faculty.

Attachments

c: Tim Killeen, President
Barbara J. Wilson, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Michael Amiridis, Chancellor
Renee Taylor, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

University of Illinois

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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 \$15,000 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.

Eligibility to the University Scholars Program is limited to members of the University of Illinois faculty, as defined in the University Statutes, i.e. members of the academic staff who are tenured or receiving credit toward tenure. **Nominations of women and underrepresented minority faculty are strongly encouraged.**

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



Guidelines for the UIC University Scholars Program 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 her or his nomination. University Scholars 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.
5. Only tenured or tenure track faculty are 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 Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. These nominations may be rank ordered.



2. One hard copy original packet along with an electronic copy in PDF format 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 17, 2017**.
3. The electronic copy in PDF is to be uploaded to the 2017-18 Faculty Awards Blackboard site (directions below). Colleges are required to submit names of (up to) two individuals along with their valid netids, to Elmira Perkins (eperkins@uic.edu) by **Friday, January 27, 2017**. These individuals will be permitted to upload the electronic materials to the Blackboard site.

Upload to Blackboard.

1. Log into blackboard (<https://blackboard.uic.edu/webapps/login/>)
 2. Click on the course **titled 2017-18 UIC Faculty Awards (University Scholar, Dist Professor, AET)**
 3. Click on **FOR COLLEGES: Nomination Folders** in the upper menu on the left side of the page
 4. Click on the name of the appropriate award
 5. Click on link for your specific college
 6. Click on **Upload File** to display **Add file** page
 7. Click on **Browse** or **Choose file**
 8. Locate and select file within displayed window
 9. Click on **Submit** to upload file
 10. Select **Logout** to exit Blackboard
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UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM AWARD RECIPIENTS 1985-2016

2016-2019

University Scholars

Alexander Furman, Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science
Joy Hammel, Occupational Therapy
Robert C. Liden, Managerial Studies
Donald A Morrison, Biological Sciences
Mariann R. Piano, Biobehavioral Health Sciences
Nava Segev, Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics
Zaijie "Jim" Wang, Biopharmaceutical Sciences

2015-2018

University Scholars

Luisa DiPietro, Periodontics
Tonda Hughes, Health Systems Science
Brian K. Kay, Biological Sciences
Dirk K. Morr, Physics
Emad Tajkhorshid, Pharmacology
Nikolas Theodore, Urban Planning and Policy
Daniela Tuninetti, Electrical and Computer Engineering

2014-2017

University Scholars

Scott T. Brady, Anatomy and Cell Biology
Serdar Ogut, Physics
Ghanshyam N. Pandey, Psychiatry
Guido F Pauli, Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy
James W. Pellegrino, Psychology
Steven E. Tozer, Education Policy Studies
Philip S. Yu, Computer Science

2013-2016

University Scholars

Carol Ferrans, Biobehavioral Health Sciences
Tanera Marshall, Theatre and Music
Sudip Mazumder, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Nagamani Pavuluri, Psychiatry
William H. Teale, Curriculum and Instruction
Nikos Varelas, Physics
Donald Wink, Chemistry

2012-2015

University Scholars

Michael Cho, Bioengineering
Vladimir Gevorgyan, Chemistry
E. Douglas Lewandowski, Physiology and Biophysics



2012-2015University Scholars Continued

Constantine M. Megaridis, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering
Janet E. Richmond, Biological Sciences
David S. Ucker, Microbiology and Immunology
Diana J. Wilkie, Biobehavioral Health Sciences

2011-2014University 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

2010-2013University 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

2009-2012University 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

2008-2011University 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



2007-2010University 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

2006-2009University 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

2005-2008University 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

2004-2007University 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

2002-2005

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



1998-2001Senior 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

1998-2001University (Junior) Scholars Continued

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

1994-1997

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



1991-1994Senior 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

1990-1993University (Junior) Scholars

Shelly Kagan, Philosophy
Margalit Mokyr, 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

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

1988-1991Senior 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

1987-1990

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

