



November 15, 2017

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-fourth 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 23, 2018**. Nominations should be filed with the Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, c/o Elizabeth Dooley, 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 Elizabeth Dooley at (312) 996-2926 or email edooley@uic.edu if you have questions.

Information and guidelines for submission can also be accessed at: <http://faculty.uic.edu/awards/nominations/> 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: Timothy Killeen, President
Barbara J. Wilson, Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Michael Amiridis, Chancellor
Renee Taylor, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

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 Elizabeth Dooley, Room 513 Student Center East (SCE), m/c 303 by **Friday, February 23, 2018**.



3. One pdf of each nominees' complete materials is to be uploaded to a Box folder. Colleges are required to submit names of (up to) two individuals along with their valid netids, to ([Elizabeth Dooley](mailto:Elizabeth.Dooley@uic.edu) edooley@uic.edu) by **Friday, January 26, 2018**. These individuals will be permitted to upload the electronic materials to the Box.
4. This process is **confidential**. A nominator **should not** inform the individual of his or her nomination. University Scholars award recipients will be notified by the President in late summer.



UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM AWARD RECIPIENTS 1985-2017

2017-2020

University Scholars

Erricolo Danilo, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Nancy Freitag, Microbiology and Immunology
Stacey Horn, Educational Psychology
ZoZo-Angeliki Papacharissi, Communication
James Patton, Bioengineering
Angela Tyner, Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics
Venkat Venkatakrishnan, Computer Science

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

2013-2016 (Continued)

University Scholars

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

Constantine M. Megaridis, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering

Janet E. Richmond, Biological Sciences

David S. Ucker, Microbiology and Immunology

Diana J. Wilkie, Biobehavioral Health Sciences

2011-2014

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, Pharmaceutics 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

2003-2006

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

1998-2001

University (Junior) Scholars Continued
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
Senior University Scholars
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

1990-1993

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

1986-1989

Senior University Scholars Continued

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

