

Faculty Research Lecturer 2019 - 2020

Guidelines and Procedures

Committee on Faculty Research Lectureship
Academic Senate
University of California, Santa Barbara



Purpose:

The Faculty Research Lectureship is the highest honor the UCSB faculty can bestow on one of its members. The purpose of the award is to accord Academic Senate members the high recognition that is their due, and further to give faculty, students, and the citizens of the UCSB community an opportunity to understand the scholarly achievements and points of view of those whom we honor.

Eligibility:

All members of the UCSB Academic Senate are eligible for nomination.

Criteria:

In reviewing many exceptional nominees, the Committee on Faculty Research Lectureship gives primary consideration to:

- Extraordinary and/or high impact achievements in research and scholarly work
- Outstanding professional competence and international recognition in a field
- Ability to present a lecture of interest to a broad community of scholars and, in general, to a cultivated public

Reviewer Guidelines:

Research and creative accomplishments should be evaluated in the context of the faculty member's overall record of his/her intellectual growth, and of the contribution his/her work makes to his/her discipline. There should be evidence of continued and effective engagement in work that is of high quality and significance. The committee considers the academic quality of established research, but also considers the active and ongoing contributions of the nominees, especially those who have established new directions for scholarship.

In certain fields such as art, architecture, dance, music, literature, and drama, distinguished creativity will receive consideration equivalent to that accorded to distinction attained in research. In evaluating artistic creativity, an attempt should be made to define the nominee's merit in light of such criteria as originality, scope, richness, and depth of creative expression. An important element of distinction is the extent of regional, national, or international recognition.

Letters of support in the nomination packet should comment on the prestige and significance of the journals, publishers, or exhibition or performance venues in the nominee's particular field, along with other accepted measures or impact in a discipline (such as citation indexes or reviews). Contributions by the nominee to the professional literature or to the advancement of professional practice or professional education should be judged as creative work when they present new ideas or incorporate original scholarly research.

Nominees should be outstanding scholars and recognized as such among leaders of their respective disciplines both within the United States and abroad. Evidence of professional competence and recognition includes such items as: (a) awards, grants, or honors bestowed by organizations or foundations; (b) invitations to lectures, present papers, review books, perform, or exhibit; (c) election to significant offices of professional or learned societies; (d) appointment as editor or referee for professional journals or other publications; or (e) requests for consultative service. Opinions expressed by extramural evaluators, and reviews of the candidate's work or citations of his/her work by other researchers also constitute evidence of professional recognition.

Call for Nominations:

The selection committee consists of past recipients of the award, who represent various disciplines across campus. Therefore, nomination letters should be as clear and complete as possible, with special emphasis on how the nominee's research contributions have made a difference.

The pool of nominees should represent the full diversity of UCSB's academic contributions. The selection committee, therefore, strongly solicits nominees from departments that have not submitted nominations in recent years and from new and non-traditional, multidisciplinary fields. The nomination of women and scholars from every field is strongly encouraged, as it is especially important that the pool of nominees reflects the full scope and strength of the faculty.

Nomination packets should include the following:

- Letter of nomination setting forth the nominee's qualifications
- Current curriculum vita
- Letters of support from experts in the nominee's field, from both inside and outside the campus community
- One or two examples of the nominee's work to illustrate its distinctive quality

In the nomination letter, please furnish information on originality, creativity, and specific evidence of the nominee's influence on research in their field, including its impact on the directions of his/her discipline, on graduate students, and on the broader public.

Nominations will be considered for a period of three years, and may be appended to annually or withdrawn during this time.

Nomination Deadline

Nominations must be submitted online (<https://senate.ucsb.edu/~awards>) by **5:00pm on February 5, 2020.**

A complete nomination packet may also be submitted via email to awards@senate.ucsb.edu.

Award Notification

The recipient of the award will be notified by the Chair of the Committee on Faculty Research Lectureship in early April and will be honored at the Faculty Legislature meeting of April 30, 2020. The award recipient will also present a lecture for the campus community in fall quarter 2020, followed by a dinner held in the recipient's honor, at which point he/she will be presented with an honorarium in the amount of \$5,000.