

**2018-2019 CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACHIEVEMENT**

Faculty Recipient:

Professor Wenwan Zhong, *Chemistry*:

Dr. Zhong is currently a Professor of Chemistry. Since 2007, she has mentored 22 undergraduate students, resulting in seven publications with 11 students listed as coauthors along with dozens of presentations at undergraduate research conferences. Many students mentored by Dr. Zhong won competitive awards at UCR and elsewhere and continued graduate studies at universities such as Cornell and UCSD. As the letters from the students mentored by Dr. Zhong say, Dr. Zhong “is clearly one of the rare professors who genuinely cares and supports her students – selflessly investing her own time for their future success, in place of her own, and without asking for anything in return”. Recent UCR graduates who are continuing their graduate studies describe Dr. Zhong’s lab environment as “welcoming and nurturing to creativity and new ideas”. Dr. Wenwan Zhong exemplifies an outstanding record of mentoring undergraduate research that gives her students unique, invaluable experiences in independent planning and execution of research projects.