Academic Senate



Call for Nominations

2025-2026 Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Research & Creative Achievement

Please submit all nomination letters electronically to aneesah.kelleyhenry@ucr.edu cc: senate@ucr.edu by the deadline of

Deadline - January 12, 2026

The Committee on Scholarships and Honors invites nominations for the following:

- ❖ Up to two awards for graduating seniors for outstanding research or creative activity
- ❖ Up to two awards for faculty members with an outstanding record of fostering undergraduate research or creative activity throughout their careers

Each faculty candidate must receive at least two nominations to be considered for the award. Nominations for the faculty award must be accompanied by a short report addressing the following selection criteria and should include the names of some of the students mentored and the scholarly/creative accomplishments of the latter, with attention to relevant selection criteria below. For faculty awards, at least one nomination must come from a student. Typically, faculty awards are made to those who have mentored undergraduate research and creative activity for several years. Upon receipt of *two* letters of nomination, the Committee on Scholarships and Honors will request the faculty nominee's CV and a letter of support from the Chair/Dean which will be due *February 20, 2026*.

Each student candidate must receive at least one nomination from a faculty member to be considered for the award. Nominations for the student award should include a description of the project and any scholarly/creative activities associated with it addressing each of the following selection criteria. Upon receipt letters of nomination, the Committee on Scholarships and Honors will request the student nominee's CV which will be due *February 20, 2026*.

Selection Criteria for Students

- Significance of student accomplishment, including the degree of student engagement and extent of contribution to the original creative achievement, problem-solving, and/or research output
- Publications/contributions to publications
- Presentations at scholarly meetings OR exhibitions, performances, screenings
- Admission to graduate programs
- Challenges overcome (if applicable)
- Nominations must be accompanied by a list of the above accomplishments
- CV

Selection Criteria for Faculty

- Quantity and quality of student mentoring
- Student contributions to publications
- Student scholarly presentations OR exhibitions, performances, screenings
- Student awards for scholarly/creative activity
- Student admission to graduate programs
- Enhancing diversity in the field
- CV

Awards are announced in the Spring. Each recipient is given a crystal trophy and a cash award. For more information about the award or for a list of past recipients please visit http://senate.ucr.edu/awards/.