

The Edward A. Dickson Emeritus/a Professorship  
Call for Proposals  
**WINTER 2026**

### **The Award**

The Edward A. Dickson Emeritus/a Professorship Award is presented yearly to an emeritus/a professor on the basis of a compelling project in teaching, research, or public service activities. Awardee(s) shall be known as the Edward A. Dickson Emeritus/a Professor for the duration of the award (one year) and receive up to \$6,000 monetary award and up to \$3,000 research support, subject to all policies and requirements of the University of California and the Riverside Campus.

Links to these guidelines are provided in the document *Award Compensation Information* located on the Academic Personnel website, under the heading “Programs and Awards”:

[http://academicpersonnel.ucr.edu/programs\\_and\\_awards/ImportantInfoAwardComp.pdf](http://academicpersonnel.ucr.edu/programs_and_awards/ImportantInfoAwardComp.pdf);  
and on the Academic Senate website, under the heading “Awards”:  
<http://senate.ucr.edu/awards/>.

At the end of the award period, each awardee will submit a concise written report of the accomplishments that have resulted from the Professorship.

### **The CALL**

All UCR emeriti faculty are invited to submit proposals for the Edward A. Dickson Emeritus/a Professorship Award. Emeriti faculty may submit only one proposal each. Every proposal must clearly specify the project to be accomplished during the course of the award and must be in accordance with the intent of the donor to support teaching, research or public service. The proposal should describe the project or activity, address the amount of time the individual will devote to the project or activity and include a detailed budget specifying how funds will be used. Appropriate use of funds includes, but is not limited to, travel to research or activity sites, salary for assistants, and purchase of necessary supplies or services. Proposals should be concise but provide sufficient information to permit the selection committee to make an informed decision about their merit. Candidates are urged to submit proposals in language understandable to a general audience.

The award is open to all Emeriti Faculty, regardless of whether or not they are on recall for teaching and/or research. It is advised that applicants consult with the Benefits Office regarding possible tax and retirement implications if they have other compensated appointments with the University. Awards are **not to be** used to supplement recall salary.

Proposals of no more than 4 pages should be submitted along with a 2-page CV, to the Committee on Faculty Welfare electronically via the Academic Senate email [senate@ucr.edu](mailto:senate@ucr.edu) by **5:00 p.m., FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026**. The proposal should address the significance of the project or activity, the applicant’s expertise or experience and any preliminary work on, or preparation for, the project or activity.

## **Selection Committee and Process**

The Selection Committee shall be the Committee on Faculty Welfare of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate, whose membership includes active and retired faculty. The Committee will evaluate the merit and significance of the proposals and the nominees' previous contributions in the areas of teaching, research, and service. The nomination package is subject to CAP review, in concurrence with UCR's Policy on Endowed Chairs. After CAP has reviewed and approved the nomination(s), they are sent to the P/EVC for appointment, which is effective the following academic year.

## **Award Requirements**

Each emeritus professor receiving support from the Dickson endowment shall be known as the Edward A. Dickson Emeritus/a Professor for the duration of 2026-27. Each awardee must provide a concise written report of the accomplishments that have resulted from the Professorship, in concurrence with the UCR Policy on Endowed Chairs. The reports should be submitted to the P/EVC by September 29<sup>th</sup> 2027, and will be made available to the Selection Committee upon request. Awardees are expected to deliver a public presentation at UCR about the findings of their research. Individuals may receive this award only once during their career.

## **Background of the Award**

Edward A. Dickson served as a regent of the University of California from 1913-1946, the longest tenure of any Regent. His vision is credited with helping to make the Los Angeles campus a reality. In 1955, Mr. Dickson presented the University with an endowment to provide for annual special professorships for retired faculty.

The 1955 gift document describing this award states:

*For the support and maintenance of special annual professorships in the University of California to which shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Regents, persons of academic rank who have been retired after service in the University of California and who shall receive such awards in addition to their retirement or pension allowances. Awards shall be made upon such conditions of service, research or teaching as The Regents may require. Professorships so awarded shall be known as the Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorships.*

In 2003 the funds for the Dickson award were separated into ten endowments, one dedicated to each campus. The responsibility for making the awards was delegated to the Executive Vice Chancellor or chief academic officer at each of the ten campuses. On the UCR campus, award oversight and evaluation are performed by the UCR Academic Senate Committee on Faculty Welfare.