

November 22, 2016

**DEANS, DIRECTORS, AND DEPARTMENT CHAIRS
MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE**

Dear Colleagues:

I am very pleased to announce that the Faculty Development Program will provide awards for the 2017-2018 academic year.

The purpose of these awards is to encourage scholarly achievement by faculty members whose heavy involvement in University and community service has significantly impeded, or has the potential to impede, their progress in research or other creative activity. One form of service overload is experienced by many under-represented faculty members who are sought out for extensive committee service and/or advising. Another form of service overload may result from membership on committees that require unusually heavy commitments of time.

The eligibility criteria, conditions of the awards, and application procedures are fully described on the Academic Affairs website at <http://academicaffairs.ucdavis.edu/awards/campus-awards/index.html>.

While all faculty are eligible for awards, priority is given to assistant professors with worthy proposals and demonstrated need.

Recipients of a 2017-2018 Faculty Development Award will be relieved of teaching responsibilities for one course during Fall 2017, Winter 2018, or Spring 2018. Recipients will also receive up to \$1,000 for supplies and expenses associated with their research.

Please note that applications and supporting materials for all awards must be received by the dean of your college/school/division by **January 10, 2017**. Deans' offices should transmit the applications and supporting material to my office by **January 23, 2017**. Questions concerning the Faculty Development Award Program should be directed to Lynn Daum at lmdaum@ucdavis.edu.

Sincerely,



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