CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
SOUTH CAMPUS DISCIPLINES

2023 GOLD SHIELD FACULTY PRIZE

$30,000 Unrestricted Award for Academic Excellence
ABOUT THE GOLD SHIELD FACULTY PRIZE

The Gold Shield Faculty Prize, offered by Gold Shield Alumnae of UCLA, provides an **unrestricted $30,000 award** each year to an exceptional mid-career full professor who has a distinguished record of undergraduate teaching, research and university service.

In the spring of each odd-numbered year, a recipient is selected from the south campus disciplines (College of Letters and Sciences: Life Sciences and Physical Sciences Divisions, Fielding School of Public Health, School of Nursing, and the Samueli School of Engineering). **The 2023 award recipient will be selected from the south campus disciplines.**

In the spring of even-numbered years, an outstanding professor is selected from the north campus disciplines (College of Letters and Sciences: Humanities and Social Sciences Divisions, School of the Arts and Architecture, Herb Alpert School of Music, Luskin School of Public Affairs, and the School of Theater, Film and Television).

Purpose

The Gold Shield Faculty Prize recognizes and rewards UCLA faculty members who have demonstrated extraordinary accomplishment in undergraduate teaching and in research or creative activity, together with evidence of service to the university. In the belief that distinguished senior faculty deserve significant recognition and reward, Gold Shield seeks through the Faculty Prize to recognize high-achieving faculty in the middle years of their academic careers. Since its inception in 1986, Gold Shield is proud to have awarded 26 Faculty Prizes.

Recognition

The Gold Shield Faculty Prize Selection Committee will name one Gold Shield Faculty Prize recipient for 2023, to be announced in May 2023. The recipient of the Prize will receive a $30,000 unrestricted cash award in two $15,000 installments. Recipients are required to spend or transfer the full award amount within three fiscal years of receiving the funds.

Additionally, the recipient will be honored at Gold Shield’s fall event and will receive a plaque memorializing the award. It is also customary for the UCLA Faculty Prize recipient to be the guest speaker at a subsequent Gold Shield program, and to Chair the following year’s Faculty Prize Selection Committee.

Eligibility Criteria

Only nominees from the designated area of campus will be considered in any given year. In 2023, the recipient will be selected from the **south campus disciplines**, including:

**College of Letters and Sciences: Life Sciences Division**
- Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
- Integrative Biology & Physiology
- Microbiology, Immunology & Molecular Genetics
- Molecular, Cell & Developmental Biology
- Psychology

**College of Letters and Sciences: Physical Sciences Division**
- Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences
- Chemistry and Biochemistry
- Earth, Planetary & Space Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physics & Astronomy
Fielding School of Public Health
- Biostatistics
- Community Health Sciences
- Environmental Health Sciences
- Epidemiology
- Health Policy & Management

School of Nursing

Samueli School of Engineering
- Bioengineering
- Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering
- Civil & Environmental Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Materials Sciences & Engineering
- Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

Additional eligibility criteria:
- Nominees must hold the rank of Full Professor and must have held that academic title for at least one year.
- He/she/they may currently teach students at the graduate or undergraduate level.
- Preference will be given to nominees who are in the middle years of their academic careers, typically Professor Step I through V, inclusively.
- Preference will be given to nominees who have received a terminal degree in their field at least 10 years prior to being nominated for the Faculty Prize.
- Exceptions to the preferred criteria may be considered in view of the increased diversity among UCLA Faculty.

Selection Criteria

In evaluating many outstanding professors, criteria for consideration by the Gold Shield Faculty Prize Selection Committee include an exemplary record in teaching undergraduate students, extraordinary accomplishment in research or creative activity, and evidence of university service. These should be demonstrated by excellence in the following areas:
- Meaningful contributions to undergraduate education at UCLA (e.g., impacting students’ lives in a significant way)
- Effective approaches to teaching (i.e., through various engagement methods with students, curricular innovation, or significant impact such practices might have at a local or national level)
- Size, number, and diversity of classes taught
- Influence on the professor’s field of research, including notable outcomes of the research or creative activity; work in more than one discipline or specialty; and national or international recognition
- Evidence of service at the departmental and/or campus-wide level, as well as dedication to UCLA
- Support from colleagues
- Demonstrated commitment to creating a learning environment that embraces the values of equity, diversity, and inclusion

The Selection Process

Chaired by the previous year’s prize recipient, the Gold Shield Faculty Prize Selection Committee is composed of eight members: two Gold Shield representatives, five faculty members, including prior Faculty Prize recipients, and one undergraduate Gold Shield Scholar student. The Selection Committee will review the nominations over a three-to-four-week period following the nomination deadline. The Prize recipient will be selected by the end of April and announced in May 2023.
Nomination Instructions and Checklist

Nominations will be submitted digitally and must include all of the following elements to be considered:

- **NOMINATION LETTER**
  A letter *no longer than five pages* that describes what makes the candidate’s teaching, research and creative activity truly outstanding and distinguished.

- **CURRICULUM VITAE**
  A concise presentation of the nominee’s degrees earned, career advancement, teaching experience, teaching awards, publications, service, and creative work. Priority should be given to activities, achievements, and service that focus on undergraduate education.

- **SUMMARY OF THE PROFESSOR’S TEACHING RECORD**
  A summary of course titles, years taught, approximate enrollment, and student evaluations for the last five years. Please include numerical ratings for the nominee along with average department ratings for comparison.

- **STUDENT COMMENTS**
  Please provide student commentary for no more than the last five undergraduate courses taught. Student comments are given substantial weight in the evaluation process.

- **LETTERS OF SUPPORT**
  Please provide no fewer than three and not more than five letters of support written by faculty who are in the nominee’s field and/or are familiar with his/her/their field of work. While other letters also may be submitted, letters from faculty colleagues will carry the greatest weight in the evaluation process. The letters should discuss the professor’s success in, and dedication to teaching and research and give specific examples of how the nominee fulfills the criteria for the Faculty Prize.

Nomination Submission Instructions

Nominations are to be submitted exclusively online as an email attachment addressed to Sandra Hwang: *shwang@support.ucla.edu*, and must be received by **5:00 pm, Tuesday, January 31, 2023**.

- Paper nominations will not be accepted.
- Nominations must be submitted by a UCLA faculty member other than the nominee.
- Self-nominations will not be considered.

Questions?

For further clarification or answers to your questions, you may contact:
Sandra Hwang, Gold Shield Faculty Prize Coordinator, at *shwang@support.ucla.edu* or Michellene DeBonis, Gold Shield Faculty Prize Co-Chair, at *michellene@addzeste.com*
GOLD SHIELD FACULTY PRIZE PAST RECIPIENTS

2021 – Adriana Galván, Psychology and Dean of Undergraduate Education
2020 – Janet O’Shea, World Arts and Cultures/Dance
2019 – Paul Barber, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
2018 – Daniel Fessler, Anthropology
2017 – Daniel Blumstein, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
2016 – Charlene Villaseñor Black, Chicana/o Studies and Art History
2015 – Neil Garg, Chemistry & Biochemistry
2014 – Brenda Stevenson, History
2013 – Luisa Iruela-Arispe, Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology
2012 – Kevin Terraciano, History
2011 – Matthew Lieberman, Psychology
2010 – David Gere, World Arts and Culture
2009 – Robin Garrell, Chemistry, Biochemistry
2008 – Alicia Gaspar de Alba, Chair, Cesar E. Chavez Chicano Studies
2007 – William J. Kaiser, Electrical Engineering
2006 – Robert N. Watson, English
2004 – Andrea Ghez, Physics and Astronomy
2002 – Richard B. Kaner, Chemistry and Biochemistry
2000 – Utpal Banerjee, Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology
1998 – Bob Goldberg, Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology
1996 – Peter Narins, Physiological Science
1994 – Albert A. Braunmuller, English
1992 – J. William Schopf, Earth and Space Sciences
1990 – Jeffrey Alexander, Sociology
1988 – Patricia Marks Greenfield, Psychology
1986 – Michael E. Jung, Chemistry and Biochemistry