

TO: University Community

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SUBJECT: Nominations for University Awards
Order of Pacific and Honorary Degrees due November 30, 2009
University Distinguished Faculty Award due November 30, 2009

The University Awards Committee is pleased to announce a call for nominations for the following awards: Order of Pacific, Honorary Degrees, University Distinguished Faculty Award.

November 30, 2009- Order of Pacific and Honorary Degrees

Order of Pacific. This award is given to retiring faculty members who have made outstanding contributions in teaching, scholarship, and service to the University and who have a minimum of 15 years of service at Pacific. The award is not made automatically to all retiring faculty, and official nominations as well as supporting documents are required to be considered for this award. Nominees are reviewed by the University Awards Committee, the President, and the Board of Regents. Nominations should include a letter summarizing the candidate's qualifications and service to the University, as well as representative samples or abstracts of the nominee's portfolio and a current curriculum vita.

Honorary Degrees. These are awarded to individuals with a distinguished career in their field and a national reputation for exemplary achievement and service. Detailed criteria used by the Awards Committee in selecting candidates is available in the Provost's Office. Nominations may be made by the President, Deans, or any member of the University community. Awards must be approved by the Awards Committee, the Academic Council, the President of the University and the Board of Regents. Honorary degrees are not automatically awarded to commencement speakers, nor does institutional benefaction alone qualify an individual for consideration. Nominees for this position would be considered by the Awards Committee for 2010 and beyond.

November 30, 2009 - University Distinguished Faculty Award

University Distinguished Faculty Award. This award is given each year to a tenured faculty member for outstanding accomplishments in any or all of the following areas: teaching, research and creative endeavors, and service to the University.

When the award is based entirely or in part on teaching, the committee will consider the quality of classroom performances as evaluated by students and peers, successful innovation in curriculum, teaching methods, modes of delivery and interaction with students, and the candidate's overall teaching load and responsibilities.

Those nominees for whom the award is based entirely or in part on scholarship will be evaluated on the basis of the scholarly significance of their work, its social or human significance, contributions which the research made to the investigator's role as teacher or the educational functions of the University, and the benefit accrued to the University directly or indirectly from this scholarly and/or creative endeavor.

Awards may also be based entirely or in part on evidence of outstanding leadership in department, college, division or University governance, as well as participation in innovative programs and committees. Outstanding accomplishments in the community which have brought recognition for the University or have furthered its mission will also be considered.

Each nomination packet should include a letter of nomination ideally endorsed by the department chair and dean, a recent curriculum vita, and supporting letters from students, colleagues, and relevant commentators outside the University. The letter should indicate precisely how the nominee meets the award criteria. The entire packet should be limited to 15 pages.

All nominations are due at the Office of the Provost; Nomination Packet. Please note, there is no official application form for any of these awards, but on request copies of the forms used by the committee in evaluating candidates to assist you in preparing nomination packets can be sent.

Any questions can be addressed to the members listed above.