

UCSC Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship Award CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Committee on Emeriti Relations (CER) is pleased to announce its call for proposals for the 2017-18 Dickson Emeriti Professorship Award.

CER views this award as a way to acknowledge, publicize, and enable the creative and innovative work that our faculty continue to do after retiring. The awards may be used for activities in service, research (including creative works and performance), or teaching—for instance, to organize a conference, to put on a performance, to enable the completion of a book or a research project, to mount an exhibition, to create a course or mentoring project that is not routine, etc., and the budget may include such items as travel, hiring a GSA, purchasing equipment, renting a venue, or in other ways that we may not have thought of, that will support the proposed activities. Proposals should be persuasive about the quality and significance of the activity to be carried out, and the Dickson Professors will be expected to make the results of their work available to the campus or the larger community.

Deadline: The deadline for submission of proposals is January 30, 2017.

BACKGROUND AND GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCESS

The Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship is supported by an endowment from Edward A. Dickson, a former Regent of the University of California. The Professorship Award enables each UC campus to make an annual award recognizing public service, research and creative work, or teaching by one or more emeritus/a professors.

At UC Santa Cruz, the award is managed by the Academic Senate Committee on Emeriti Relations (CER), which will make a final recommendation to the Executive Vice Chancellor (EVC). Up to approximately \$20,000 is available annually, which will be distributed in 1-3 awards to those who are selected as Dickson Emeriti Professor/s. The awards will be announced in spring quarter of each year. Monies will become available to the awardees in July 1 of that calendar year. Dickson Professors will be expected to make the results of their work available to the campus or the larger community in the form of a public lecture, performance, website, conference, and/or other accessible presentation. It is presumed that the Dickson Emeriti Professors will complete their project and make a public presentation within a year after the funds are made available, although extensions will be granted if requested and justified in a timely manner. Each recipient will notify CER in writing by Oct.1 of the year of their award concerning the tentative dates and venues of their presentation. Each recipient will submit a 1-2 page report of their Dickson Emeriti Professorship activities to the Committee on Emeriti Relations (CER) by August 1st after the termination of the award. It should include a brief account of how funds were spent.

NOMINATION

Nominees must be of emeriti status at the time of their proposal. They may nominate themselves or be nominated by others, such as departments, research groups, colleagues, or community members or institutions relevant to the proposal. Previous Dickson Professorship recipients are eligible to receive the prize again after a 3-year waiting period

(e.g., a recipient who was awarded the prize for 2017-18, will be eligible to apply for the award again in 2020-21.)

The nominee must submit a proposal of not more than three pages detailing the activities that he/she would use the Dickson Professorship funds to carry out, plus a one-page budget showing how the funds would support those activities. Nominators, who may be individuals or academic units or entities and need not be emeriti, should contact their nominee to coordinate the nomination and should submit a brief letter of support for the nominee attesting to the significance and interest of the nominee's proposal and past activity since retirement. It will be appreciated if the nomination letter and the nominee's proposal are sent in the same email.

Letters of support will be accepted and are encouraged, but with one exception are not required. Letters of support are required for proposed future activities that include teaching for a department or in the community, or for an event that will be held in a specific venue. Letters of support will be limited to no more than three, including the nominator's if relevant.

AWARD PROCESS

Proposals will be collected, logged, and reviewed for eligibility and completeness by CER. CER will then will send the viable applications to the UCSC Emeriti Association, which at CER's request will have established a Dickson Review and Nomination Committee; it will recommend three unranked candidates from which CER will select 1-3 nominees as the Dickson Professorship Awardees for that year. CER will then forward the nominee recommendation(s) to the Executive Vice Chancellor for approval.

Depending on the numbers and quality of proposals, the number and size of awards may be modified year to year.

PROPOSALS

Proposals should include

- contact information, including email, street address, and telephone number/s
- the proposal –what you plan to do and how you propose to use the funds associated with the award
- a brief budget
- please include your vision of how you plan to make your research/creative activity, service, or teaching, accessible to an audience. Anything from a presentation at a department colloquium to a performance in a major venue will be acceptable as long as it is open to the public, advertised to the larger campus community, and linked to the Dickson Emeriti Professorship. We at CER will help with ideas and facilitation if requested, and we encourage you to engage with our committee prior to submitting your proposal if you have concerns about how you might fulfill this obligation.
- If your project is one that is likely to be funded by a Committee on Research (COR) grant, you are encouraged to apply for that source of funding. CER would like to know if you have pending, or plan to apply for, any additional sources of funding.

If you receive partial funding from other sources, the amount of money received through the Dickson Award may be adjusted.

YOUR OBLIGATIONS IF YOU RECEIVE AN AWARD

- Recipients must notify CER and the Emeriti Association (EA) in a timely way of their proposed date and venue for presentation to the wider community of the fruits of their labors, in order to facilitate publicity and possible consultation. The first notification in writing to CER must be submitted by Oct 15 of the year of the award; it may be tentative but should be specific, and should have a letter of support from the entity that controls the venue and its scheduling. At least three months prior to the presentation, the recipient must notify CER in writing concerning details. It is presumed that the entity in charge of the venue and, e.g., lecture series will collaborate with CER and EA in publicizing the event and giving credit to CER and EA as sponsors of it.
- Each recipient will submit a 1-2 page report of their Dickson Emeriti Professorship activities to the Committee on Emeriti Relations (CER) by August 1st after the termination of the award. It should include a brief account of how funds were spent.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: January 30, 2017

Proposals should be submitted by email to dickson.award-group@ucsc.edu

Please write the name of the nominee in the subject heading. We will appreciate further specificity if you add the words or phrases “proposal,” “nomination letter,” proposal + nomination letter” or “letter of support” after the nominee’s name.

For questions or more information, please email CER at dickson.award-group@ucsc.edu.