

UCSC Edward A. Dickson Emeritus Professorship Award

GUIDELINES

A. Background

The Edward A. Dickson Emeritus 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 annual awards recognizing public service, research and creative work, and teaching by emeriti professors. At UC Santa Cruz, the award is managed by the Academic Senate Committee on Emeriti Relations (CER).

B. Purpose

The Dickson Emeritus Professor Award acknowledges, publicizes, and enables the creative and innovative work that our faculty continue to do after retiring. The award may be used for activities in service, research (including creative works and performances) or teaching. Dickson Professors are expected to make the results of their work available to the campus or the wider community (see section G. 2 below).

C. Eligibility

Applicants must have emeritus status at the time the proposal is submitted. 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 2020-21 will be eligible to apply for the award again in 2022-23).

D. Awards

From 1-3 awards will be made each year, depending on the number and quality of the proposals submitted. Available funding, to be distributed among all awardees, totals about \$20,000 annually. Funds will be made available on July 1. It is expected that the Dickson Emeriti Professors will complete their project within a year after the funds are made available. Awards will be announced in Spring either at the Chancellor's Emeriti Luncheon or at an Emeriti Association event. Awardees will be invited and are expected to attend the event where award winners will be announced.

E. Applications

A call for applications will be sent out by email to all eligible emeriti faculty early in the Fall quarter. The deadline for submission of application will be early in the Winter quarter. Awards will be announced in Spring quarter.

Applicants must submit: 1) a Proposal Application Form as a cover sheet; 2) a proposal of not more than two pages detailing the proposed activities; the proposal should include a tentative plan for how the results of the activity will be shared with the public (applicants are encouraged to engage with CER prior to submitting the proposal if there are concerns about how this obligation might be fulfilled); 3) a one-page budget showing how the funds would support those activities and listing other sources of support (including those pending). Up to three letters of support may be submitted. If the proposed activities include teaching for a department or in the community, or for an event that will be held in a specific venue, a letter of support from the relevant unit or organization is required.

Applications will be reviewed jointly by the UCSC Emeriti Association and the Committee on Emeriti Relations. CER will submit a slate of nominees to the EVC for final approval.

Since applications will be reviewed by people outside the applicant's own field, the description of the project should be accessible to the wider academic community.

F. Budget

1. Allowable expenses: Funds may be used 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. The budget may include such items as travel, hiring a GSA, purchasing equipment, renting a venue, or in other ways that will support the proposed activities. Some of the budget may be reserved for a final event/presentation, including venue, reception, etc. CER reserves the right to consult with the recipient on the budget with regards to improvements and actual costs.

2. Alternative sources of funding: Applicants are encouraged to apply for alternative sources of funding, including Committee on Research (COR) awards, if appropriate, and to inform the CER if additional funds are secured. If partial funding is received from other sources, the amount of the Dickson Award may be adjusted.

G. Obligations of Awardees

1. Award winners are expected to attend the Spring event at which their names will be announced.
2. Presentation of results: Dickson Awardees are required to present the results of their project to a public audience. This may involve, for example, presentation at a department colloquium, or performance in a major venue, as long as it is open to the public, advertised to the larger campus community. 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 will acknowledge CER and EA as sponsors of the event. All publicity for the event should note that the presenter is a “Dickson Professor”, and that the event is partially funded by the “Dickson Emeritus Professorship Award”.

Recipients must notify CER and the Emeriti Association (EA) of the proposed date and venue for presentation to the wider community in advance of the presentation and no later than Oct 1 after the end of the Award period. This will facilitate publicity and possible consultation. The plan 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.
3. Final report: Following the award period, each recipient will submit a 1-2 page report on his or her Dickson Emeritus Professorship activities to the Committee on Emeriti Relations. It must include an account of 1) what was accomplished on the project during the award period; 2) how the funds were spent; 3) how the requirement for presentation to a public audience has been or will be fulfilled.

H. Criteria for Awards

- The quality and significance of the project.
- Activity of the applicant since retirement.
- Feasibility given the funds available.
- Impact of the project on the wider community.
- Plan for presentation of the results of the project to the public.
- If the applicant has received a Dickson Professorship in the past, effective use of the prior Award and fulfilment of its requirements.