

# 2008 Award For Excellence In Postdoctoral Research

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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are invited for the 2008 Award For Excellence in Postdoctoral Research. This award is offered to recognize the vital role that Postdoctoral Scholars play in maintaining the reputation of excellent research at the University of California, Davis. A certificate and \$500 will be conferred to each awardee. Up to two awards will be made.

**Eligibility:** Currently-appointed UC Davis postdoctoral scholars who have a minimum of one year of postdoctoral study at UC Davis, and less than five years total postdoctoral experience, may be nominated.

**Who May Nominate:** UC Davis faculty and postdocs are invited to nominate a distinguished postdoctoral scholar for this award.

**Qualifications:** Nominees should have outstanding research accomplishments. Criteria include, but are not limited to:

- Innovation in research and impact on the field.
- Research productivity and quality as a UC Davis postdoctoral scholar, as demonstrated by publications, presentations, awards, etc.

**Part I. Nominations:** Nominations must be in the form of a letter describing the attributes and accomplishments of the nominee. The letter should be specific, comprehensive, and no longer than two typewritten pages. It should describe the research achievements that set the nominee apart from his or her colleagues. If the nominator is the same as the research mentor, please read the requirements for the cover letter from the research mentor on the next page. Nominators should include the name, campus department, and e-mail address of the nominee. **The deadline for nominations is Friday, April 18, 2008.** Please e-mail nominations in PDF format to Christine O'Keefe, [crokeefe@ucdavis.edu](mailto:crokeefe@ucdavis.edu), who provides staff support for Graduate Studies vis-à-vis the Postdoctoral Scholars Association. The nomination letter should be addressed to the Selection Committee for the UC Davis Award for Excellence in Postdoctoral Research.

**Part II. Submission of Award Application.** Eligible nominees will be contacted by **April 29, 2008** and will be invited to apply for the Award. The application must include:

- A. Abstract describing the applicant's research accomplishments at UC Davis (150 word limit).
- B. Cover letter from the applicant's research mentor(s).
- C. Curriculum Vitae of the applicant.
- D. Up to two additional letters of support.
- E. Supporting materials, including up to three reprints of publications.

Application format guidelines are provided on the second page of this document. **The deadline for submission of applications is Friday, May 9, 2008.** Applications should be e-mailed to Christine O'Keefe, [crokeefe@ucdavis.edu](mailto:crokeefe@ucdavis.edu) in PDF format.

**Announcement of Awards.** The recipients of the award will be announced at the **Graduate Studies Spring Reception for postdoctoral scholars on May 28, 2008.**

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## APPLICATION GUIDELINES

**Abstract.** An abstract of no more than 150 words detailing the research accomplishments must accompany the application. The abstracts for awardees will be included in the printed program distributed at the Postdoctoral Reception.

**Cover Letter from the Research Mentor.** This letter is required *only* if the research mentor is different from the nominator. This letter should describe what makes the research accomplishments of the applicant distinguished as opposed to good or merely adequate. The letter should:

- Include a statement of nominee's total time as a postdoctoral fellow at UC Davis and elsewhere.
- Indicate the mentor's number of current and past postdoctoral scholar trainees, and rank the applicant based upon others supervised.
- State the number of publications and presentations accomplished as a UC Davis postdoctoral scholar.
- Describe the involvement and initiative of the applicant in research collaborations with other investigators.
- Summarize all other evidence submitted in conjunction with the nomination. The letter should avoid generalities and provide an informed analysis of the facts supporting the case for distinction in the applicant's research.

**Curriculum Vitae of the Applicant.** A copy of the applicant's C.V. is required to clarify the applicant's research appointments and accomplishments. Where relevant, items that relate directly to accomplishments while a postdoctoral scholar at UC Davis should be noted with an asterisk. The C.V. should list all the fellowships and other funding that the applicant has applied for as a postdoctoral scholar at UC Davis and the status of these applications (pending review, awarded, or not awarded).

**Additional Letters of Support.** Up to two letters solicited on behalf of the nominee are encouraged. These should be letters from persons other than the nominator or research mentor. Letters should be e-mailed to Christine O'Keefe, [crokeefe@ucdavis.edu](mailto:crokeefe@ucdavis.edu), in PDF format and addressed to the Selection Committee for the UC Davis Award for Excellence in Postdoctoral Research, c/o Dean Jeffery Gibeling, 250 Mrak Hall.

**Supporting Materials.** Links to up to three reprints of publications may be submitted electronically as above. For papers in press, an electronic file of the manuscript accompanied by the letter from the editor indicating acceptance for publication will be sufficient. Explanatory materials should emphasize the nominee's personal involvement.