

# UC DAVIS

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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### DEANS, DIRECTORS, AND DEPARTMENT CHAIRS MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Dear Colleagues:

I am very pleased to announce that the Faculty Development Program will provide awards for the 2026-2027 academic year.

The purpose of these awards is to encourage scholarly achievement by faculty members whose heavy involvement in University and community service has significantly impeded, or has the potential to impede, their progress in research or other creative activity. One form of service overload is experienced by many under-represented faculty members who are sought out for extensive committee service and/or advising. Another form of service overload may result from membership on committees that require unusually heavy commitments of time.

The eligibility criteria, conditions of the awards, and application procedures are fully described on the Academic Affairs website at <https://academicaffairs.ucdavis.edu/uc-and-campus-awards>. Scroll down to the award titled, "Faculty Development Award for Academic Senate Members."

Applications from Academic Senate faculty at all ranks are encouraged, including those in the Professor, Professor of Law, Professor of Teaching (LSOE), and Professor of Clinical X series, but priority may be given to deserving applications from assistant professors at the discretion of the selection committee.

Recipients of a 2026-2027 Faculty Development Award will be relieved of teaching responsibilities for one course during Fall 2026, Winter 2027, or Spring 2027. Recipients will also receive up to \$1,000 for supplies and expenses associated with their research.

Departments should establish internal department deadlines for faculty to provide all necessary application materials to chairs in sufficient time to compile the applications. Please note that applications and supporting materials must be received by the dean of your college/school/division by **October 24, 2025**. Deans' offices should transmit the applications and supporting materials to my office by **November 20, 2025**. Questions concerning the Faculty Development Award Program should be directed to Lynn White at [lmdaum@ucdavis.edu](mailto:lmdaum@ucdavis.edu).

Sincerely,



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