

October 17, 2025

DEANS, DIRECTORS, AND DEPARTMENT CHAIRS
UNIT 18 MEMBERS

Re: Professional Development Program for Eligible Unit 18 Members

I am pleased to announce that the Professional Development Program will provide awards for the **2026-2027** academic year. The application instructions and cover sheet are posted on the Vice Provost—Academic Affairs web site at <https://academicaffairs.ucdavis.edu/uc-and-campus-awards>.

This competitive program provides funding to enable Unit 18 members to engage in professional development activities that will enhance their effectiveness in their current position. Category A awards include travel to professional meetings during April 2026 – March 2027. Category B awards enable Unit 18 members with a continuing appointment to engage in a paid instructional leave to pursue academic activities that would enhance their effectiveness as a scholar/teacher.

There is one application period for this award. Category A award applications must be sent directly to the Office of the Vice Provost – Academic Affairs by **January 23, 2026**. For Category B, the award applications must be forwarded to the Dean or other appropriate administrative officer no later than **January 16, 2026**. Deans' offices should transmit the applications and supporting materials to the Office of the Vice Provost—Academic Affairs by **January 23, 2026**. Documents should be sent electronically.

Questions concerning the Professional Development Program for Unit 18 members should be directed to Lynn White in Academic Affairs at lmdaum@ucdavis.edu.

Sincerely,



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