

February 10, 2025

**DEANS, DIRECTORS, AND DEPARTMENT CHAIRS  
ACADEMIC FEDERATION MEMBERS**

**Re: Professional Development Program for Eligible Academic Federation  
Members other than those in Unit 18**

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce that the Professional Development Program will provide awards for the **2025-2026** academic year. The award criteria and a pdf fillable application form are posted on the Academic Affairs Web site at: [UC and UC Davis Awards | Academic Affairs](#). Scroll down the listing to find links to program guidelines and application documents under the heading “Professional Development Award Program for Academic Federation Members.”

This competitive program provides funding to enable Academic Federation members to engage in the pursuit of professional development activities that will enhance the effectiveness and capabilities in their current position. This award can be used to attend professional development workshops, seminars, or to learn new skills at a colleague’s institution. The call will consider proposals for activities occurring between May 2025 and June 2026. Please note that the AF Professional Development Program does not support travel to professional meetings for presentation of research. Support for such travel can instead be requested through the AF Research Travel Grants Program (see: [Academic Federation - Grants and Awards \(ucdavis.edu\)](#)).

Please note that the proposal, the department chair’s letter, and any optional supporting letters are due by **March 31, 2025**, and should be sent to me at [phkass@ucdavis.edu](mailto:phkass@ucdavis.edu) and a copy sent to Lynn White at [Imdaum@ucdavis.edu](mailto:Imdaum@ucdavis.edu).

Questions concerning the Professional Development Program should be directed to Lynn White at [Imdaum@ucdavis.edu](mailto:Imdaum@ucdavis.edu).

Sincerely,



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