

TO: University Community

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SUBJECT: Nominations for University Awards  
**All nominations are due Friday, December 13, 2019**

The University Awards Committee is pleased to announce a call for nominations for the following awards: Order of Pacific, Honorary Degree, and University Distinguished Faculty Award.

**Order of Pacific.** As defined in the Faculty Handbook: "This award was established by the Board of Regents in 1952. It is the highest award the University can give. It is intended to honor members of the University regents, faculty, administration and staff who have given distinguished service and made outstanding contributions to the University over a significant number of years. It is awarded to express the University's esteem and appreciation for the recipient's dedication to the University.

Within each person's area of responsibility, individual recipients shall have made contributions which significantly extend beyond the expectations of the person's position and have the impact of enriching the life of the University. The award recognizes an individual's career of achievements and is awarded at the termination of a person's direct connection to the University. To be considered for this award nominees normally have a minimum of 15 years of service to the University. Awards may be given posthumously."

The award is not made automatically to all retirees, and official nominations as well as supporting documents are required to be considered for this award. Nominees are reviewed by the University Awards Committee, the President, and the Board of Regents. Nominees are reviewed by the University Awards Committee, the President, and the Board of Regents. Nominations should include a letter summarizing the candidate's qualifications and service to the University, one or more letters of support from colleagues, students, and/or alumni, and, as appropriate, representative samples or abstracts of the nominee's portfolio and a current curriculum vita.

**Honorary Degree.** These are awarded to individuals with a distinguished career in their field and a national reputation for exemplary achievement and service. Detailed criteria used by the Awards Committee in selecting candidates is available in the Provost's Office. Nominations may be made by the President, Deans, or any member of the University community. Awards must be approved by the Awards Committee, the Academic Council, the President of the University and the Board of Regents. Honorary degrees are not automatically awarded to commencement speakers, nor does institutional benefaction alone qualify an individual for consideration. Nominees for this position would be considered by the Awards Committee for 2015 and beyond.

**University Distinguished Faculty Award.** This award is given each year to a tenured faculty member for outstanding accomplishments in any or all of the following areas: teaching, research and creative endeavors, and service to the University.

When the award is based entirely or in part on teaching, the committee will consider the quality of classroom performances as evaluated by students and peers, successful innovation in curriculum, teaching methods, modes of delivery and interaction with students, and the candidate's overall teaching load and responsibilities.

Those nominees for whom the award is based entirely or in part on scholarship will be evaluated on the basis of the scholarly significance of their work, its social or human significance, contributions which the research made to the investigator's role as

teacher or the educational functions of the University, and the benefit accrued to the University directly or indirectly from this scholarly and/or creative endeavor.

Awards may also be based entirely or in part on evidence of outstanding leadership in department, college, division or University governance, as well as participation in innovative programs and committees. Outstanding accomplishments in the community which have brought recognition for the University or have furthered its mission will also be considered.

Each nomination packet should include a letter of nomination ideally endorsed by the department chair and dean, a recent curriculum vita, and supporting letters from students, colleagues, and relevant commentators outside the University. The letter should indicate precisely how the nominee meets the award criteria. The entire packet should be limited to 15 pages.

**All nomination packets are due to the Office of the Provost no later than Friday, December 13, 2019. Please submit electronically at [awards@PACIFIC.EDU](mailto:awards@PACIFIC.EDU).** Please address any questions to members of the University Awards Committee listed above or to Ashley Swirsky at [aswirsky@pacific.edu](mailto:aswirsky@pacific.edu).