

Call for Proposals

Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship Award 2019 – 2020

The UC Davis Emeriti Association (UCDEA) cordially invites emeriti/ae to apply for the Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship Award for 2019 – 2020. Retired professors with emeritus status in the following title classifications are eligible to apply: professor, professor in residence, professor of clinical __, health sciences clinical professor and adjunct professor.

The Dickson Award is an endowed fund that provides support to emeriti/ae professors for their teaching, research and/or public service. Separate endowments support these professorships at each UC campus and the award is administered separately on each campus. At UC Davis, the UCDEA administers these awards in collaboration with the Vice Provost Academic Affairs office. The sum of \$20,000 is available to successful applicants in 2019 – 2020. One or more awards may be given this year, up to the \$20,000 limit.

Proposals should be submitted electronically to the UCDEA Awards and Recognition Committee, in care of the Retiree Center, retireecenter@ucdavis.edu, by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

Award Duration and Report

The term of the Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship is one year, beginning on October 1 and ending on September 30 of the following year. A report of accomplishments that have resulted from the professorship is expected at the end of this period.

Background

Edward A. Dickson served as a Regent of the University of California from 1913 to 1946, the longest tenure of any regent. In 1955, Mr. Dickson presented the university with an endowment to support and maintain special annual professorships to be awarded to retired academic senate faculty members. The award is described in the gift document as follows:

“For the support and maintenance of special annual Professorships in the University of California to which shall be appointed by the President, with approval of The Regents, persons of academic rank who have been retired after service in the University of California and who shall receive such awards in addition to their retirement or pension allowances. Awards shall be made upon such conditions of service, research, or teaching as The Regents may require. Professorships so awarded shall be known as the Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorships.”

Proposal Preparation

The Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship can be used for direct research or project expenses. For example, the funds could be used to explore new ideas in research, teaching and/or public service for which time and/or funds were not available while a member of the active faculty. Proposals should clearly indicate how the applicant would use the Emeriti Professorship in accordance with the intent of the donor for support of teaching, research and/or public service. Proposals should be concise, but with enough detail to allow careful evaluation. Proposals must include a budget indicating how the funds would be used with brief justification for categories such as salaries, supplies and travel. The highest priority will be given to proposals that clearly benefit the campus and for which funding is not available from other sources. Additional guidelines are listed on the next page of this document.

Review Process

The UCDEA Awards and Recognition Committee will review all proposals, select one or more awardees and make a recommendation to the UCDEA Executive Committee for final recommendation at its June meeting.

Recommendations will then be forwarded to the provost's office for final approval and appointment to the professorship. Awardees will be notified by the end of July.

For Further Information

Please send your inquiries to the Retiree Center at retireecenter@ucdavis.edu who will forward them to the UCDEA Awards and Recognition Committee for response.

Guidelines for Proposal Preparation

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- 1) The total funding available for the Edward A. Dickson Award for 2019 – 2020 is \$20,000. Typically, one or more proposals are funded each year. For additional information on prior awards, please refer to the website: <https://emeritiassociation.sf.ucdavis.edu/awards-and-recognition/edward-dickson-award>.
- 2) Retired professors with either automatic or chancellor-granted emeritus status in the following title classifications are eligible to apply: Professor, Professor in residence, Professor of Clinical _____, Health Sciences Clinical Professor, Associate Professor and Adjunct Professor. Note, must be Academic Senate.
- 3) Funding can be used to support ongoing projects or initiate new ones in teaching, research or service. Dickson funds are not intended to provide bridge funding, retain expensive consultants or provide summer compensation.
- 4) Please follow the standard grant proposal format and limit your proposal to eight pages or less.
 - a) Title. The title of the proposal, applicant's name and department affiliation
 - b) Abstract. A 100–200 word description of the project to give the reader a preliminary overview
 - c) Introduction. May vary depending on the nature of the proposal (research, teaching or service) but in most cases would describe the background of the proposed project and applicant's past involvement in the area (or qualifications for entering the area)
 - d) Method. May vary depending on the nature of the proposal; could include availability of research space and equipment, research procedures, data collection and analysis of results; in other cases, might describe the use of archives, means for improving instruction, a new program for students or enhancing community services
 - e) Results and/or Benefits. Describe briefly how this project supports the mission of the award
 - f) Budget. Provide a breakdown of the funding request (equipment, travel, assistance; describe other funding sources and any unusual or special circumstances)
 - g) References (optional). If applicable, list of publications which provide background and context for the proposed project
 - h) Curriculum Vitae. The CV should be no more than 2 pages in length; it should support the applicant's qualifications for this project

The committee usually receives more worthwhile proposals than it can fund. At the same time, the number and quality of proposals vary from year to year. Repeated submissions are encouraged.