

UCSF Faculty Climate Action Champion Award

Project Award Amount \$25,000

Description

This funding opportunity is to advance the goals of the University of California's Carbon Neutrality Initiative. The University of California has pledged to emit net zero greenhouse gases from its buildings and vehicle fleet by 2025.

The Faculty Climate Action Champion Award incentivizes and supports faculty engagement in climate change research, teaching, and engagement. The award provides institutional support for one exceptional faculty member to deepen climate change teaching and research on each campus. The selected Champion and their projects are intended to help meet and focus student demands for climate action and education. The Champion should also inspire a wide range of faculty to take up the challenge of engaged research and education to achieve carbon neutrality.

Important Dates

Deadline	Activity
September 28, 2015	Applicants submit Faculty Climate Action Champion Award proposals.
October 15, 2015	UCSF Academic Senate Sustainability Committee selects Faculty Champion.
May 30, 2016	Faculty Champion will be expected to send interim reports describing accomplishments to date to the Faculty Director of the systemwide Faculty Climate Action Champion Award program, Dr. John Foran. A report of expenditures will not be expected at this time.
December 30, 2016	The 2015-2016 Faculty Climate Action Champion's tenure will conclude.
January 30, 2017	Faculty Champion will be expected to send final reports to the Faculty Director of the systemwide Faculty Climate Action Champion Award program, Dr. John Foran. This report should include a description of their accomplishments and a summary of their expenditures. Funds not spent should be returned to the campus unit managing the program, the UCSF Academic Senate.

Eligibility

Who's Eligible:

UCSF faculty at all ranks in all series can apply. Researchers from all Basic- and Clinical-focused fields, Social & Behavioral sciences, and policy-related fields of research are encouraged to apply.

Who's Not Eligible:

Students, staff, postdocs, and residents cannot apply.

Criteria for Review

1. Fulfillment of eligibility criteria;
2. Plan for engagement of the campus community including students, staff, and faculty;
3. Plan for engagement of stakeholders off-campus including local community members (including climate, social justice, and environmental organizations), non-profit leaders, government agencies, and/or business leaders;
4. Research plan that will have broader interdisciplinary scope and applications than to the specific academic field of the Champion and will give the Champion an opportunity to pursue a new direction in their work or a new project;
5. Quality of the research proposal and its relevance to climate change;
6. Description of teaching or other curriculum innovations such as a seminar (targeted towards undergraduate and/or graduate students), a new course or set of courses, and/or significant infusion of climate action into an existing course or courses;
7. For junior faculty only, clear statement from the Department Chair in writing that if an award is made the faculty recipient will have sufficient independence and time.

Proposals will be evaluated based on demonstrated experience and leadership in the area of climate change; intellectual merit; and broader impact of proposed activities in terms of educating and engaging campus and the public in climate action.

Award Administration

The Academic Senate Office will serve as the campus unit to administer the UCSF Faculty Climate Action Champion Award.

In addition to the \$25,000 awarded to the Champion, there is \$5,000 for events and related programming costs connected to the Champion's work. These funds must be used in accordance with UC and State of California guidelines. In addition, funds must be spent on materials directly related to applicable activities and cannot be spent on general purpose equipment or any form of overhead.

Projects are for one year and are not renewable.

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The Faculty Champion will be required to attend the UCOP Climate Summit at UCSD which will occur in either October or November, 2015.

TO APPLY

STEP 1) Complete a proposal that meets review criteria

STEP 2) Submit your proposal via email to Kenneth Laslavic, Senior Analyst, UCSF Academic Senate (kenneth.laslavic@ucsf.edu) no later than September 28, 2015.

Instruction for Proposal PDF

Please write your proposal following the instructions listed below and create one single PDF file

Proposal Length: Maximum 6 pages, including figures and tables, excluding table of contents and literature cited.

Format Requirements: Arial font; 11 pt; minimum 0.5 inch for all margins; no appendices; include page numbers and table of contents.

1. Applicant Name and Contact Information (no multiple applicants)

2. Project Title

3. Proposal (maximum 6 pages, including figures and tables, excluding literature cited)

- Aims
- Background and Significance
- Preliminary studies
- Research plan that will have broader interdisciplinary scope and applications than to the specific academic field of the Champion and will give the Champion

an opportunity to pursue a new direction in their work or a new project (include time-table)

- Plan for engagement of the campus community
- Plan for engagement of stakeholders off-campus
- Education plan including identification of courses that the Champion would pursue during their tenure
- Literature cited (not included in page limit)

4. Budget Overview and Justification (\$25,000 maximum per proposal)

Expense	Allowable	Not Allowable
PI Salary	X	
Post Doc Salary	X	
Administrative Support		X
Supplies*	X	
Equipment*	X	
Software*	X	
Personal Computers		X
Mailing	X	
Tuition		X
Research Staff Support	X	
Patient Care		X
Indirect Costs		X

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5. Applicant's CV (not included in page limit)

6. Letter(s) of Support (1 page only) For junior faculty only, please provide a letter of support from the department chairs/unit heads confirming the independence of the applicant and availability of lab space and/or other resources for the proposed research. Include the letter of support at the end of your pdf proposal and address it to the Academic Senate Sustainability Committee.

More information about the Carbon Neutrality Initiative and the Faculty Engagement and Education Working Group of the UC Global Climate Leadership Council can be found here: <http://ucop.edu/sustainability/programs-initiatives/global-climate-council/faculty-engagement-education.html>

If you have any questions regarding application procedures, please contact Kenneth Laslavic at kenneth.laslavic@ucsf.edu, or directly at (415) 476-8827.