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**Subject:** Call for Speaker Recommendations for Doctoral Hooding Ceremony



**To: Administrative Officers, Deans, Department Chairs, Directors,  
Faculty, Graduate Students, Vice Chancellors and Vice Provosts**

Dear Colleagues:

The Division of Graduate Education is currently soliciting nominations for a keynote speaker for the 2023 Doctoral Hooding Ceremony. We are searching for candidates who have a compelling personal story and a strong connection to graduate education, ideally holding a doctorate from UCLA themselves.

If you wish to nominate a speaker, please [fill out this short nomination form](#) with basic information about the candidate and a short description (250 – 500 words) of why the individual would be an inspirational speaker for this momentous occasion.

We are excited to add an external keynote speaker to our ceremony celebrating this critical milestone in the academic lives of our doctoral graduates. We appreciate your assistance in nominating individuals who can speak to the importance and impact of doctoral education at UCLA.

We look forward to receiving your recommendations no later than February 15, 2023.

Best regards,

**Susan L. Ettner**

Dean of Graduate Education