
Subject: FW: Call for Nominations: 2026 Chancellor's Award for Postdoctoral Research

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To: Deans, Department Chairs and Faculty

Key takeaways:

- Nominations are due by **5 p.m. PT on Wednesday, September 9, 2026.**
- Up to **eight recipients** will each receive a \$7,500 award.
- All nominees will be recognized at the **Postdoctoral Scholar Awards Reception** on Tuesday, November 10, 2026.

Dear Colleagues:

UCLA's postdoctoral scholars are doing extraordinary work across every part of our campus. Their work expands knowledge, strengthens our academic community and opens new possibilities.

I invite you to help us recognize that work by nominating an outstanding postdoctoral scholar for the 2026 Chancellor's Award for Postdoctoral Research. Up to eight recipients will each receive a \$7,500 award, and all nominees will be recognized at the Postdoctoral Scholar Awards Reception on November 10.

Please review the [eligibility requirements, selection criteria and nomination instructions](#). Each department or institute may select up to two nominees. Units with 35 or more postdoctoral scholars may submit up to three nominations, and units with 60 or more may submit up to four.

The postdoctoral scholar's faculty mentor should prepare the complete nomination package and submit it to the department chair, institute director or designee.

Complete nominations are due through the [online nomination form](#) by 5 p.m. PT on Wednesday, September 9. Submitting a complete package helps ensure that every nominee receives full consideration.

For questions, contact Paris McDonald through the [Graduate Education Portal](#) or at AskGrad@grad.ucla.edu.

I hope you will take this opportunity to recognize a postdoctoral scholar whose work deserves to be celebrated.

Sincerely,

Brian Kite

Dean and Vice Provost of Graduate Education

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