

The Fiona Goodchild Award for Excellence as a Graduate Student Mentor of Undergraduate Research

Call for Nominations Deadline April 4, 2008

The purpose of the award is to provide recognition to graduate students who have distinguished themselves through their excellence in, and contribution to, undergraduate research supervision, and to encourage others to become involved in these research efforts. The award also serves as recognition of the university's initiatives to improve the educational experience of undergraduates and graduate students by integrating research into undergraduate education at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

The two recipients, to be announced at spring commencement ceremonies, will be honored with a certificate of recognition and a \$500 honorarium at the Colloquium on Undergraduate Research, May 15, 2008. The Academic Senate Committee on Undergraduate Academic Programs and Policy will evaluate the nominations.

Guidelines for Selection and Nomination of Candidates

Each academic department, program and organized research unit is **invited to nominate up to three graduate students**, using the guidelines below. In selecting nominees, please consider the following criteria as they relate to your candidates. (Previous recipients of the award are not eligible.)

- Has the graduate student demonstrated effectiveness in supervising an undergraduate research intern?
- How much time and interest has the graduate student invested in introducing undergraduate students to experimental and investigative research?
- How has the graduate student developed supervisory strategies that are effective in motivating students to achieve progress and success in undergraduate research?
- What is the subsequent record of undergraduate students who have worked under the supervision of this graduate student?
- Overall, what distinguishes this graduate student as the departmental or program nominee for the Fiona Goodchild Award for Excellence as a Graduate Student Mentor?

Procedures for Nomination

- **Each nomination must include a nomination letter from the Department Chair or Program Director. This letter must not exceed two typewritten pages per candidate and must be accompanied by two additional relevant support letters.** The nomination and support letters must describe the research project in which the graduate student and undergraduate(s) are actually involved. Addenda should be limited and must clearly corroborate the nomination. **At least one letter is to be written by an undergraduate who has been mentored by the graduate student nominee and it must describe the research project in which the two students were involved.**
- The nomination must also include a statement from the graduate student nominee, discussing the relevance of the mentoring experience on his/her own education and future career plans.
- The original and 2 copies of the nomination materials are to be submitted to the College of Letters and Science Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URCA) Office, 2105 North Hall, for review by the Committee on Undergraduate Academic Programs and Policy. **Faxed and email nomination packets will NOT be accepted.**

Please submit nomination materials by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2008, to:
URCA Office
College of Letters and Science
Mail Code 2085

If hand-delivered, bring to the URCA Office, 2105 North Hall.

Inquiries should be directed to the URCA Coordinator, 893-2319 or URCA@Ltsc.ucsb.edu.

Past Recipients of the Fiona Goodchild Award

- 2003 **Claudia Moya**, graduate student in Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology, College of Letters and Science
Kevin Wingerd, graduate student in Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology, College of Letters and Science
- 2004 **Tom Jaramillo**, graduate student in Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering
Laura Mydlarz, graduate student in Marine Science, College of Letters and Science
- 2005 **Sherry T. Hikita**, graduate student in Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology, College of Letters and Science
Pankaj S. Karande, graduate student in Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering
- 2006 **Sarah Lester**, graduate student in Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology, College of Letters and Science
Juliet Simpson, graduate student in Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology, College of Letters and Science
- 2007 **Mara Henderson**, graduate student in Linguistics, College of Letters and Science
Scott Hamilton, graduate student in Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology, College of Letters and Science