Life Sciences Excellence Awards
Call for Nominations

The Division of Life Sciences announces its annual call for nominations for Excellence Awards in research, teaching, and efforts to promote diversity. Recipients of each award will be honored at a special reception hosted to celebrate the awardees, be recognized on a publicly displayed plaque, and receive a monetary gift of $500.

Awards for Excellence in Educational Innovation and Promotion of Diversity

- Life Sciences Award for Excellence in Educational Innovation by an **untenured** faculty member
- Life Sciences Award for Excellence in Educational Innovation by a Lecturer, Academic Administrator or Academic Coordinator
- Life Sciences Award for excellence in promoting diversity and inclusion through teaching, mentorship, service, or research

**Committee Membership:** Prof. Paul Barber, Chair (paulbarber@ucla.edu)
                      Prof. Michael Alfaro
                      Dr. Ira Clark
                      Prof. Barbara Knowlton
                      Prof. Beth Lazazzera
                      Dr. Jay Phelan
                      Prof. Patricia Phelps

**Process for consideration:** Self-nominations or nominations of a colleague for an achievement taking place within that last three years (2014-2017) must include three documents submitted electronically, preferably in PDF format:

1. A statement of no longer than 500 words, explaining the educational innovations through novel methods, publication, or public outreach or specific efforts to promote diversity through service, mentorship, teaching, curriculum development, or research.
2. A short paragraph of endorsement from the nominee’s chair.
3. One letter of nomination of no longer than 500 words from a colleague or student, from UCLA or elsewhere, which can attest to the nominee’s innovations and/or diversity efforts and their effects.

Awards for Excellence in Research

The three Excellence Awards in Research will be based on a single research paper published within the past three years (2014-2017) by an **Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor**, who has an FTE in Life Sciences or who has taught a course for Life Sciences.

**Committee Membership:** Prof. April Pyle, Chair (apyle@mednet.ucla.edu)
                      Prof. Utpal Banerjee
                      Prof. Ben Karney
                      Prof. David Walker
                      Prof. Robert Wayne
                      Prof. Xia Yang

**Process for consideration:** Any faculty may nominate a paper for this honor, by herself, himself, or a colleague, and include the following documents:

1. Nominated publication in the form of a link to or attachment of a PDF copy of the publication.
2. Letter of no more than 500 words explaining briefly what problem was addressed in the paper, the methodology used, and the importance of the findings. In short, why is this an unusually important publication?
3. In cases of self-nomination, a second letter of evaluation, also less than 500 words long, should be included from another faculty member. Supporting materials, such as editorial commentary from the journal publishing the paper, or another journal, may be included.

*All nomination materials should be sent by the deadline of Friday, March 10, 2017 to Kimberly Webster: kawebster@college.ucla.edu. Awards will be presented at a Life Sciences reception honoring awardees on Monday, April 3rd in the Hershey Hall Salon.*