

The Edward A. Dickson Emeritus/a Professorship  
University of California Riverside Policy  
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**Background of the award**

Edward A. Dickson served as a regent of the University of California from 1913-1946, the longest tenure of any Regent. His vision is credited with helping to make the Los Angeles campus a reality. In 1955 Mr. Dickson presented the University with an endowment to provide for annual special professorships for retired faculty.

The 1955 gift document describing this award states:

*For the support and maintenance of special annual professorships in the University of California to which shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Regents, persons of academic rank who have been retired after service in the University of California and who shall receive such awards in addition to their retirement or pension allowances. Awards shall be made upon such conditions of service, research or teaching as The Regents may require. Professorships so awarded shall be known as the Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorships.*

In 2003 the funds for the Dickson award were separated into ten endowments, one dedicated to each campus. The responsibility for making the awards was delegated to the Executive Vice Chancellor or chief academic officer at each of the ten campuses.

**Award Funding and Use**

Six thousand dollars (\$6,000) is available for the annual award(s) at the Riverside campus beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year. The award will be made annually to one or more emeritus/a professors for teaching, research, or public service. The award funds may be used to provide financial support (on a 'by agreement' basis) of emeriti professors for any of these activities, or for research funding. In either case, when the award is made, the funds will be transferred from the Chancellor's Resources to the faculty member's department by the Budget Office. The faculty member's department will make the necessary payroll or expenditure reimbursement transactions, in compliance with all University policies and regulations.

**The CALL Process**

A formal CALL will be issued annually in Winter Quarter to invite emeriti faculty to submit proposals specifying how they would use the Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship Award. The proposal must be in accordance with the intent of the donor to support teaching, research or public service. It should address the amount of time the individual will devote to the project and specify how the funds will be budgeted. Proposals should be concise, but provide sufficient information to permit the selection committee to make an informed decision.

The award is open to all Emeriti Faculty, regardless of whether he/she is on recall for teaching and/or research, or not on recall at all. It is advised that applicants consult with the Benefits Office regarding possible tax and retirement implications, if they have other compensated appointments with the University. Award proposals of no more than 2 pages addressing how the candidate would use the award should be forwarded to the Committee on Faculty Welfare at the Office of the Academic Senate by October 1st.

## **Award Requirements**

Each emeritus professor receiving support from the Dickson endowment shall be known as the Edward A. Dickson Emeritus/a Professor for the duration of the year awarded. At the end of the award year, each awardee will provide a concise written report of the accomplishments that have resulted from the Professorship, in concurrence with the UCR Policy on Endowed Chairs. The reports should be submitted to the EVC/P and will be made available to the Selection Committee upon request.

## **Selection Committee and Process**

The Selection Committee shall be a subcommittee of and appointed by the Committee on Faculty Welfare of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate. This subcommittee shall include both active and retired faculty.

The Selection Committee will evaluate the proposals and the nominees' previous contributions in the areas of teaching, research and service, and shall nominate one or two emeriti faculty for the award. The Selection Committee nomination package is forwarded to the Vice Provost for Academic Personnel to enable CAP review, in concurrence with UCR's Policy on Endowed Chairs. After CAP has reviewed and approved the nomination(s), they are sent to the EVC/P for appointment, which is effective the following academic year.

## **Award Requirements**

Each emeritus professor receiving support from the Dickson endowment shall be known as the Edward A. Dickson Emeritus/a Professor for the duration of the award. At the end of the award period, each awardee will provide a concise written report of the accomplishments that have resulted from the Professorship, in concurrence with the UCR Policy on Endowed Chairs. The reports should be submitted the EVC/P and will be made available to the Selection Committee upon request.

If the awardee elects to use the award funding to reimburse research or travel expenditures, all policies and requirements of the University and the Riverside Campus must be followed. Links to these guidelines are provided in the document *Award Compensation Information* located on the Academic Personnel website, under the heading "Programs and Awards".