CHANCELLOR’S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH
STUDENT NOMINATION

General Information and Instructions
http://undergraduateresearch.ucdavis.edu/awards.html

Award:
Each year up to two graduating seniors who have completed outstanding research, scholarship or creative activity tied to any academic subject while at UC Davis are awarded the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research. The award will be announced and a special plaque will be awarded at commencement ceremonies in June.

In conjunction with this award, the student recipients will receive the Dean Keith Simonton Prize in the amount of $500. Because of his strong commitment to undergraduate involvement in research, Professor Dean Simonton endowed an annual cash prize for each year's recipients. Professor Simonton's hope is that the undergraduates who receive the prize will have done his/her research on an interdisciplinary project that cuts across the boundaries of two or more disciplines or which integrates the theories, methods, and issues of two or more disciplines (e.g., plant science and transportation studies; design and literary studies).

Eligibility:
- Nominees must be graduating from UC Davis in the 2011-12 year (fall, winter or spring), and/or eligible to participate in the June commencement ceremonies (i.e., summer 2012 graduates).
- Nominees must have conducted their research under the direction of a UC Davis professor.
- Nominees' research may be in any major or academic subject at UC Davis.
- Although there is no GPA requirement, students must be in good academic standing and must be considered an outstanding undergraduate researcher by their faculty research sponsor.

Students may be Nominated by:
- Faculty research sponsor (professor)

Letters of Support may be Written by:
- Department chairs and/or program directors
- Staff members, post docs or graduate students

Nomination Instructions:
- No more than one nomination letter, per candidate, may be submitted.
- The nomination letter may be no more than 2 pages long, 12 point font, single spaced.
- No more than two supporting letters, per candidate may be submitted.
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- Nomination letters must be submitted with the student’s complete (or nearly complete) research project.
- Materials are evaluated by 7 members of the Chancellor’s Award Selection Committee.

Submission Instructions:
Seven (7) copies of the student’s completed research project (or nearly complete) and seven (7) copies of the nomination/support letter(s) should be submitted as a packet (please do not put in a binder or envelope) by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 2, 2012, to the Undergraduate Research Center, 2300 Student Community Center.

Contact Information:
Tammy Hoyer, Senior Program Manager, Undergraduate Research Center, tahoyer@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-3390. http://undergraduateresearch.ucdavis.edu/awards.html
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Student’s Name: ________________________________________________________
Student’s Major: _________________________________________________________
Title of Paper:  ___________________________________________________________

Provide us with your assessment of the qualities your student demonstrates that makes them a strong
candidate for the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research. Seven (7) copies of the
nomination letter should be received in the Undergraduate Research Center, by 5:00 p.m. on
Wednesday, May 2, 2012.

Please attach your narrative to this form. Your nomination may not exceed 2 pages long, 12 point font,
single spaced.

Please fill in the box that best describes this nominee:
Among students who have conducted research under me, I would rank this applicant, in terms of academic
achievement and potential, as: (Please place an X in the highest applicable category)

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Signature: __________________________________________________________________
Printed Name: _______________________________________________________________
Academic Title: ______________________________________________________________
Department: _________________________________________________________________
Email: ______________________________________________________________________
Date: ______________________________________________________________________

Please turn in materials to:
Patricia Turner, Vice Provost—Undergraduate Studies
C/o Tammy Hoyer, Senior Program Manager
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