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 2013-14 year (fall, winter or spring), and/or eligible to participate in the June commencement ceremonies (i.e., summer 2014 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:
When the student fills out the Chancellor’s Award form and uploads their project online, that begins the submission process. An email will automatically be sent to the faculty nominator and any supporting letter writers of the student’s choosing. However, students should notify their nominating faculty sponsor and any supporting letter writers well in advance of the deadline. Faculty sponsors/supporting letter writers will have until May 8th at 5:00 p.m. to upload their letters. To begin the submission process, go to: http://undergraduateresearch.ucdavis.edu/awards/cae/apply.cfm

Students must complete the application and upload their project by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 7, 2014

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