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### University of California, Berkeley

**Faculty Climate Action Champion Program**

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# 2015-2016

The Faculty Climate Action Champion Program will honor one Berkeley faculty member for outstanding teaching, research, and public service in the areas of climate change solutions, action, and broad engagement. This award will also provide the Champion with $25,000 to develop, improve, transform, and expand this teaching and research work in an interdisciplinary manner over the course of the tenure period. The Champion and their project scope are intended to help meet and focus student demand for climate-action and education and to inspire a wider range of faculty to take up the challenge of engaged research and education to achieve carbon neutrality.

The Champion’s tenure will be from October 2015 through December 2016, and the funding is intended to be expended during this time period. An additional $5,000 will also be available to fund associated engagement events and outreach to the community.

This year the Climate Action Champion program will be offered at each of the 10 UC campuses as part of President Napolitano’s faculty recognition and incentive efforts to support the [UC 2025 Carbon Neutrality Initiative](http://www.ucop.edu/initiatives/carbon-neutrality-initiative.html). This program is a pilot and comes with one-time funding from the Office of the President. During this pilot period Berkeley will evaluate whether to continue this program beyond this first offering.

**The application packet is due September 15, 2015 at 5:00pm.**

The Champion program at the Berkeley campus is being sponsored by the Dean Keith Gilless, College of Natural Resources.

If you have questions or need additional information on the application, contact Kira Stoll, Office of Sustainability and Energy, [stoll@berkeley.edu](mailto:stoll@berkeley.edu); 510-642-0074.

***I. Criteria for Selection***

Qualified applications for Champion selection will be prioritized based on past related efforts and on the proposed initiatives during the Champion program tenure (Oct. 2015-Dec. 2016). Applications will be reviewed based on the selection criteria described here.

* Demonstrated outstanding past and current teaching, research, and/or public service focused on climate change understanding and solutions, and as applicable its relation to action, community enrichment, and broad engagement in a regional and global arena;
* Intended engagement of the campus community including students, staff, and faculty;
* Intended engagement of stakeholders off-campus including local community members (including climate, social justice, and environmental organizations), non-profit leaders, government agencies, and/or business leaders;
* Research plan (if appropriate to the proposal) that will have broader interdisciplinary scope and application than to the specific academic field of the Champion and will give the Champion an opportunity to pursue a new direction in their work or a new project;
* Inclusion of teaching or other curricular innovations such as a seminar (targeted towards undergraduate and/or graduate students), a new course or set of courses, and/or significant infusion of climate action into an existing course or courses.

***II. Types of Expenses That Can Be Funded***

The Champion funding is intended to be used flexibly to accomplish the goals of the project. The application process includes submittal of a general budget. A more detailed work scope and budget plan will be developed with the selected Champion.

Note: there are some expenses that cannot be funded and those include stipends to GSIs, pay for faculty summer salaries, or pay salaries of career or casual staff members (non-student titles); purchase or update standard software or software packages already licensed by campus; and, reimburse expenditures made prior to the award.

### *III. Who Can & How to Apply*

All UC Berkeley faculty, lecturers SOE and UCCE Specialists are eligible to apply. To complete an application for the Faculty Climate Action Champion, please download this application as a Word document, complete each section, save and submit as an attachment via email to [sustainability@berkeley.edu](mailto:sustainability@berkeley.edu) with subject heading “FCAC Application.” Also include in the email up to two optional letters of support for your application. **The application packet is due September 15, 2015 at 5:00pm.**

***VI. Selection of Recipient***

A selection committee will review the applications and select the Champion. The selection committee may ask applicants for additional information as part of the process. Additionally, the selection committee may contact the applicant’s Dean and/or Department Chair for reference. Announcement of the Champion will be September 29, 2015.

***VII. Reporting Requirement***

An interim report describing accomplishments to date will be due by May 30, 2016. A final report, including expenditure detail will be due by January 30, 2017.

***VIII. Timeline***

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| **Deadline** | **Activity** |
| May 8, 2015 | New program announced to the 10 campuses |
| August 26, 2015 | Faculty Application period opens. |
| September 15, 2015 | Faculty Applications due. |
| September 29, 2015 | Champion announced. |
| May 30, 2016 | Faculty Champions to send interim reports describing accomplishments to date to Dean Keith Gilless and the Faculty Director of the statewide program, Dr. John Foran. A report of expenditures will not be expected at this time. |
| December 30, 2016 | The 2015-2016 Faculty Climate Action Champion’s tenure will conclude. |
| January 30, 2017 | Faculty Champions to send final reports to Dean Keith Gilless and the Faculty Director of the statewide program, Dr. John Foran. This report should include a description of their accomplishments and a summary of their expenditures (funds not spent to be returned to the campus unit managing the program). |

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# APPLICATION

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**Deadline**s: Applications received Tuesday, September 15, 2015 will be reviewed. Notification of award will be made Tuesday, September 29, 2015.

***I. Champion Applicant Information***

**1. Applicant name, title, department, email and telephone number:**

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| Name: |  | |
| Title: |  | Department: | |
| Campus Address: |  | |
| Phone: |  | Email: | |
| **2. Applicant’s Department Chair** |  | |
| Name: |  | |
| Title: |  | Department: | |
| Campus Address: |  | |
| Phone: |  | Email: | |
| **3. Applicant’s Dean** |  | |
| Name: |  | |
| Title: |  | Department: | |
| Campus Address: |  | |
| Phone: |  | Email: | |
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***II. Narrative***

**The narrative should be between three and five pages and may *not* exceed five pages.**

In the narrative, please address each of the criteria below. Some of the criteria may be more relevant to your proposal than others and if not applicable at all, please indicate why. Addressing the first criteria in detail is important in order for the selection committee to understand how your past work is to be recognized in the context of the Champion program and how this will inform your proposal for expanded work related to climate change solutions, education, and action. We appreciate a succinct and clear description that can be easily understood by someone not familiar with your discipline.

1. Provide a brief, descriptive title of the proposal;
2. Share related highlights of your past and current teaching, research, and/or public service focused on climate change understanding and solutions, and its relation to action, community enrichment, and broad engagement in a regional and global arena;
3. Explain how your proposal for new and expanded initiatives intends to engage the campus community including students, staff, and faculty;
4. Describe how your proposal for new and expanded initiatives intends to engage stakeholders off-campus, including local community members (including climate, social justice, and environmental organizations), non-profit leaders, government agencies, and/or business leaders;
5. Include a brief synopsis of your proposal’s research plan that will have broader interdisciplinary scope and application than to the specific academic field of the Champion and will give the Champion an opportunity to pursue a new direction in their work or a new project;
6. Include a description of teaching or other curricular innovations such as a seminar (targeted towards undergraduate and/or graduate students), a new course or set of courses, and/or significant infusion of climate action into an existing course or courses;
7. Include timelines and evaluation plans as appropriate;
8. If particular courses are involved in the proposal, include the course title, number and department.

***III. Proposed Budget***

The Champion funding is intended to be used flexibly to accomplish the goals of the project. The application process includes submittal of a general budget. A more detailed work scope and budget plan will be developed with the selected Champion.

$25,000 is available to the Champion for the proposed scope of work. An additional $5,000 is available to support associated engagement events and outreach materials to the community.

**1. Personnel Costs:**

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**2. Materials/supplies/expenses:** (e.g., incentives for students, duplication of materials, room rental, refreshments, marketing, etc.).

$ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**3. Travel:**

$ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**3. Other (describe):**

$ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount (not to exceed $30,000): $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*If your proposal will cost more than the $30,000 limit, please specify other funding sources (e.g., departmental) and amounts.*

***IV. OPTIONAL: Include up to two Letters of Support***

Up to two letters of support from colleagues, students, and department chairs are welcome but not required. Letters should not exceed two pages and should be submitted with your application packet by September 15, 2015 at 5pm.