

# Excellence in Stewardship Awards

call for nominations 2020



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## To Our Distinguished UC San Diego Faculty, Staff, Alumni, Volunteers, and Foundation Board Trustees

Whether you teach, create, heal, or support, you are a part of this UC San Diego community. Together we work to ensure that our students thrive, that our patients are cared for and that we create an environment that fosters inclusion, innovation and the pursuit of a better world.

Perhaps you know someone whose job title is professor, director, or assistant, a partner who constantly exceeds expectations to nurture the relationships and connections that make this great institution greater. By nominating this individual for an Excellence in Stewardship Award, you recognize their efforts and accomplishments.

Exemplary stewardship is about taking the extra steps to ensure that donors, volunteers, and corporate or foundation partners understand the impact of their philanthropic investment, and that they experience our sincere appreciation for their support for UC San Diego.

Please consider the notable leadership and efforts of the faculty and staff members you know, and take a moment to tell us about the meaningful ways they are stewarding our friends and helping realize the goals of the Campaign for UC San Diego.

Members of the UC San Diego Foundation's Donor Relations and Stewardship Committee will review the submitted materials for each nominee and will select an awardee in each category. Awardees are notified in the spring, and will be celebrated at the UC San Diego Foundation Board of Trustees Annual Dinner in June 2020.

Thank you for joining us in our ongoing effort to achieve and acknowledge the very best practices in donor stewardship at UC San Diego.

Sincerely,



Sandra S. Timmons '81  
Chair, Donor Relations and Stewardship Committee  
Trustee, UC San Diego Foundation

## 2019 Excellence in Stewardship Award Winners

Faculty Awardees:

**Dr. Shu Chien**

*Professor, Departments of Bioengineering and Medicine  
Director, Institute of Engineering in Medicine*

**Dr. Brian Keating**

*Professor, Center for Astrophysics and Space Sciences  
Associate Director, Arthur C. Clarke Center for Imagination*

Staff Awardee:

**Jesse DeWald**

*Staff Director, Envision Arts and Engineering Maker Studio*

# Outline of the Awards

## Award Objective and Criteria

The UC San Diego Foundation's Donor Relations and Stewardship Committee oversees an annual Excellence in Stewardship Awards program to promote the outstanding stewardship of our donors. The awards recognize UC San Diego employees who, although their job descriptions do not include donor stewardship, are demonstrating excellent results in engaging with and acknowledging our philanthropic supporters. When you nominate such an outstanding individual, the Excellence in Stewardship Award recognizes that employee for exemplary efforts that demonstrate the impact of philanthropy and significantly strengthen donor relationships with the university.

The 2019 Excellence in Stewardship Awards recognized faculty members Dr. Shu Chien and Dr. Brian Keating for their leadership and outstanding commitment to the success of UC San Diego at local, national and international levels. Staff member Jesse DeWald, was recognized for supporting student success by developing and stewarding important relationships.

Our colleagues demonstrate excellence in stewardship through meaningful activities that:

- Demonstrate the impact of a donor's philanthropy
- Are personalized and meaningful to the donor
- Strengthen the relationship between UC San Diego and the donor
- Are innovative, original, and cost-effective
- Show persistence and a long-term commitment to consistent, high-quality stewardship efforts

## Who May Nominate, and Who May Qualify

Any UC San Diego employee, UC San Diego Foundation Board Trustee, or campus volunteer who is familiar with the individual may nominate. Individuals may not self-nominate and are not eligible to win more than one award in a five year period. Because this award is intended to recognize employees who are working beyond the scope of their job descriptions to engage and inform our donors, Advancement staff, senior administrators (including vice chancellors, deans, and other campus leaders whose job description intrinsically includes the stewardship of donors), and University Communications and Public Affairs employees are not eligible.

## Award Categories

- Faculty Member (excluding vice chancellors, deans, or other campus leaders whose job descriptions intrinsically includes the stewardship of donors).
- Staff Member (excluding Advancement staff and other employees whose job description intrinsically includes the stewardship of donors).

# Nomination Form

## **Nominee Information:**

Name

Department

E-mail

Phone

## **Please check the award for which you are nominating:**

Faculty

Staff

## **Please list two references who support this nomination:**

1. Name

2. Name

E-mail

E-mail

Phone

Phone

## **About You:**

Name

Department/Affiliation

E-mail

Phone

Address

Relationship to Nominee

# Nomination Statement

## **Please give examples of and describe the following:**

- How this nominee effectively communicated the impact of a donation or other support to the donor(s). In other words, in what ways did the nominee convey, “Because of your support, we were able to . . .”
- How this nominee strengthened the relationship between the donor(s) and UC San Diego.
- The ways in which this nominee personalized these activities to the donor(s).
- How this nominee’s stewardship efforts are innovative, cost-effective, and replicable.
- The results or outcomes of these activities (how the donor(s) continued to be engaged, gave another gift, connected another supporter to UC San Diego, etc.).

**Please submit your Nomination Form and Statement by February 3, 2020, to Christy Bliss, Director of Donor Experience and Engagement at [cmb bliss@ucsd.edu](mailto:cmb bliss@ucsd.edu), or mail to 9500 Gilman Drive # 0141, La Jolla, CA 92093-0141.**