

Humanities Undergraduate Students  
Humanities Graduate Students

December 7, 2020

**Re: CALL – Dizikes Faculty Teaching Award**

I write to solicit nominations of Humanities faculty for the Dizikes Faculty Teaching Award. This award recognizes Humanities faculty for transformative teaching in the liberal arts and effective mentoring of students, both undergraduate and graduate. Faculty recipients of the award receive a grant and designate a student from a Humanities Division program to receive a scholarship that recognizes academic achievement. Both senate and continuing non-senate faculty are eligible for the award. A list of past award recipients is available [here](#).

**ABOUT THE DIZIKES FACULTY TEACHING AWARD**

The award bears the name of John Dizikes, Professor Emeritus of American Studies, whose powerful ability to inspire and engage students has been acclaimed by generations of alumni. The award is made possible due to generous donations by alumni and supporters in honor of John Dizikes to The Dizikes Faculty Teaching Award Endowment.

**AWARD CRITERIA**

Current graduate and undergraduate students and recent alumni are invited to nominate faculty for consideration for the award. Nominations should address the faculty member's ability to awaken curiosity in students, to encourage high standards, and to motivate students to original and rigorous work through guidance and mentoring. Other criteria include creating an inclusive learning environment that is open and encouraging to all students, relating the subject to other fields of knowledge, and making the learning relevant to experience outside the academy.

**PROCESS FOR NOMINATION**

- Nominations consist of an application form and a brief narrative (500 words maximum) describing the impact and effectiveness of the nominee's teaching.
- Nominations are submitted to the faculty member's home department. The department reviews the nominations and forwards an endorsed nominee file to the Dean's office. The Dean selects an award recipient based on the nomination narrative and department endorsement file.

[Click here to submit your application online](#). (You must be logged into your ucsc.edu Google account to use this form). **Nominations are due to the faculty member's home department by Monday, March 1, 2021.**

The Dean's Office will make a division-wide announcement, following the Dean's contact of the award recipient. The faculty recipient and the student honoree are expected to contribute a written or video statement about their experience as teacher/learner in the Humanities Division for inclusion in the Celebrating the Humanities virtual event on Friday, June 4, 2021.

Sincerely yours,



Jasmine Alinder  
Dean of Humanities

Enclosure: Dizikes Faculty Teaching Award nomination form  
Cc: Humanities Department Chairs and Managers`