

UCSF Presidential Chair Award EVALUATION GUIDELINES

KEY EXCERPTS FROM PRESIDENTIAL CHAIR POLICIES:

[APM 265 – UC Policy on Presidential Chairs](#) and [UCSF Presidential Chair Guidelines](#)

Presidential Chairs are intended to encourage new or interdisciplinary program development or to enhance quality in existing academic programs of the University. To meet this broad goal of contributing to the enrichment of campus academic life, the San Francisco campus will use its Presidential Chair to support up to a one-year appointment of a distinguished visiting professor. It is intended that incumbents be highly visible on campus, and that their tenure as Presidential Chair be accompanied by appropriate campus-wide activities and publicity.

[UCSF Presidential Chair Guidelines, Sect. 1](#)

Presidential Chairs should be viewed as campus-wide resources[...].

[UC Policy on Presidential Chairs APM-265, Sect. 6](#)

Funds for Presidential Chairs may be used to support instructional activities, research, or other creative activities of the incumbent Chair holder.

[UCSF Presidential Chair Guidelines, Sect. 2](#)

In addition to participating in research, instruction, or other creative activities, each incumbent is expected to present a major public lecture or series of lectures.

[UCSF Presidential Chair Guidelines, Sect. 3](#)

SCORING METHODOLOGY

Each candidate is given a score from **1 (best score)** to **5 (lowest score)** in five categories (plan, nominee, innovation, overall impact, budget). The overall impact score should not be an average of the other categories but rather an overall assessment of the candidate's qualifications for the Presidential Chair.

CATEGORIES OF EVALUATION

1. Plan
2. Nominee
3. Innovation
4. Budget
5. Overall Impact

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EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Plan

- Presidential Chairs are intended to do **one** (or more) of the following:
 - A. **If encouraging new program development,**
 - How does this program relate to and enhance existing programs?
 - Or in what way does it fill a need not currently met on campus?
 - Who will benefit from having that need filled?
 - B. **If encouraging interdisciplinary program development,**
 - What special qualities does this program have that will promote success across disciplines?
 - Are the disciplines to be bridged commonly paired, or are there unusual, innovative, or novel bridges that may be formed?
 - C. **If enhancing quality in existing academic programs,**
 - How broad is the benefit likely to be?
 - Which UCSF groups will benefit: faculty, trainees, students, staff, all?
 - Which sites/programs will benefit?
- Based on the proposal, will the Presidential Chair:
 - Generate appropriate campus-wide activities and publicity?
 - Present a major public lecture or series of lectures?

[UCSF Presidential Chair Guidelines- 1](#)

[UCSF Presidential Chair Guidelines, Sect. 1 & 3](#)

2. Nominee

- Has the nominee achieved a high level of distinction in their area of expertise?
- Are they recognized as a leader in their field?
- Will the level of distinction of the candidate prompt an extraordinary degree of participation and response from campus groups?
- How appropriate are the candidate's qualifications for the plan?
- What special qualities does the candidate bring to UCSF that will promote success (for a group, department, school or organization)?

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- Will the candidate be employed for an equivalent of full-time service for a minimum of 1 quarter (10 weeks)?
 - This service (i.e., 400 hours) may be accumulated over multiple visits/engagements as is recommended by the Vice Provost and in comportment with the travel reimbursement requirements for Visiting Professors.

[Visiting Appointments APM-230-20h\(1\)](#)

- Does the nominee have broad support from UCSF faculty?
- Will the candidate be seen as a campus-wide resource?

[UC Policy on Presidential Chairs APM-265, Sect. 6](#)

3. Innovation

- Does the plan utilize novel theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies?
- Is a refinement, improvement or new application proposed?
- What area(s) of the candidate's expertise will contribute to program innovation?

4. Budget

- For details about budget criteria and policies, please reference:
[UCSF Presidential Chair Award - Policy and Budget Guide](#)
- Appropriateness of proposed budget. Are budget items justified and reasonable in relation to the proposal?
- Is the proposed salary (if any) justified and reasonable in relation to the nominee's appointment time and duration?
- Does the budget comply with APM, UCSF Campus and VPAA administration policies?

5. Overall Impact

- What relevance does the program have to UCSF's mission and values?
[UCSF Mission and Values](#)
- In what ways will the program enrich campus academic life?
[UCSF Presidential Chair Guidelines, Sect. 1](#)
- Will the program have broad impact across the campus as a whole - across groups (students, trainees, faculty), across sites? Does it have broad support?

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- **If encouraging interdisciplinary program development**, will the program have broad impact across programs, across disciplines or across schools?
- In what areas will the impact be felt?
 - Research/ or Clinical Care? Teaching?
 - Public/University Service?
- To what extent have the sponsors planned campus activities that will maximize participation from different constituencies? To what extent will the planned activities be “campus-wide” and accessible to a broad spectrum of the UCSF community?
- What lasting value will derive from this visit?
- What is the likelihood that benefits from the visit will outlast the nominee’s appointment term?
- What is the likelihood that the nominee or/and proposal will have a sustained influence on the campus? On the broader academic community? On the field?

WEBSITE REFERENCES

APM 265 – UC Policy on Presidential Chairs

https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/_files/apm/apm-265.pdf

UCSF Presidential Chair Guidelines

<https://facultyacademicaffairs.ucsf.edu/quick-links/awards/presidential-chair/UCSF-Presidential-Chair-Guidelines.pdf>

APM 230 – UC Policy on Visiting Appointments

https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/_files/apm/apm-230.pdf

Policy and Budget Guide - UCSF Presidential Chair Award

<https://facultyacademicaffairs.ucsf.edu/quick-links/awards/presidential-chair/PolicyBudgetGuide-PresChairAward.pdf>

UCSF Mission and Values

<https://www.ucsf.edu/about/mission-and-values>