PRESIDENTIAL CHAIRS
GUIDELINES
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO

I. PURPOSE

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 be accompanied by appropriate campus-wide activities and publicity.

II. FUNDING

Allocations to support the program will be provided annually through the normal budget process. Support for the Presidential Chair will be equivalent to the allocation from the UCSF Presidential Chair endowment. The actual income allocated in any year will depend upon the earnings of the fund in the previous year. Unexpended earnings will be added back to the principal, allowing increased earnings in subsequent years.

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

III. CAMPUS PROCEDURES

The Presidential Chair will be held on an annual basis by a distinguished visitor who will have the working title Presidential Scholar.

Each year, the Office of the Vice Provost, Academic Affairs will solicit nominations for the Presidential Chair. Nominations will be reviewed by an ad hoc Committee in accord with the stated goals and purpose of the program. Based on the Committee’s recommendation, the Vice Chancellor shall make the final selection.
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.

It is the responsibility of the sponsoring program or department to provide space and other campus resources beyond the support of the Presidential Chair award.

**IV. APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE**

The individual will be appointed as a Visiting Professor (Title Code 1118). The appointment will be governed by APM 230. The working title will be Presidential Scholar. An appointment packet proposing the appointment must be submitted through Advance and undergo normal academic review.

For the current policies supporting these guidelines, please visit the UCSF Presidential Chair website. [https://facultyacademicaffairs.ucsf.edu/quick-links/awards/presidential-chair](https://facultyacademicaffairs.ucsf.edu/quick-links/awards/presidential-chair)