Dear Colleagues:

The newly-launched 2015-16 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 provide the Champion with $25,000 to develop, to improve, to transform, and to expand this teaching and research work in an interdisciplinary manner over the course of the tenure period 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.

All UC Berkeley faculty, lecturers SOE and UCCE Specialists are eligible to apply through a self nomination process. The application packet is due by September 15, 2015 at 5:00pm. Please consider nominating yourself and/or encourage your colleagues to apply. Faculty from all disciplines are encouraged to apply.

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The Champion’s tenure will be from October 2015 through December 2016, and the funding is intended for use 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 Faculty 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 (link is external). 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 the first offering.

The Faculty Climate Action Champion program on the Berkeley campus is sponsored by J. Keith Gilless, Dean of the College of Natural Resources.

If you have questions or need additional information on the application, please contact Kira Stoll in the Office of Sustainability and Energy (stoll@berkeley.edu, 510-642-0074).
Best regards,
Catherine P. Koshland, Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education
J. Keith Gilless, Dean of the College of Natural Resources

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