

SANTA CRUZ: DIVISION OF HUMANITIES  
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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Humanities Undergraduate Students  
Humanities Graduate Students

**Re: The Dizikes Faculty Teaching Award**

I write to solicit nominations of Humanities faculty<sup>1</sup> for the Dizikes Faculty Teaching Award. This award recognizes Humanities faculty for their commitment and effectiveness in transformative teaching in the liberal arts as well as effective mentoring of students, both undergraduate and graduate. Faculty recipients of the award receive a grant and designate a student from a Humanities program to receive a scholarship that recognizes academic accomplishment. 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. These awards are made possible due to generous donations by more than twenty alumni and supporters in honor of John Dizikes to The Dizikes Faculty Teaching Award Endowment.

**AWARD CRITERIA**

Current 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.

**PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION**

1. Nominations consist of an application form and a brief narrative (maximum one page) describing the impact and effectiveness of the nominee's teaching.
2. Nominations are submitted to the faculty member's home department. The department will review the nominations and forward an endorsed nominee file to the Dean's office.
3. The Dean will select an award recipient based on the nomination narrative and department endorsement file.

Nominations are due to the faculty member's home department by **Monday, February 5, 2018**.

The Dean's Office will make a division-wide announcement, following the Dean's contact of the award recipient. Both the faculty recipient and the student honoree are expected to contribute a statement about their experience as teacher/learner in the Humanities and attend the Celebrating the Humanities awards event, where presentation of the Dizikes Faculty Teaching Award and scholarship will take place.

Sincerely yours,



Tyler Stovall  
Dean of Humanities

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

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<sup>1</sup> Both senate and continuing non-senate faculty are eligible for the award.