

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the purpose of the Bacon Public Lectureship?

The purpose of the program is to engage UC faculty in articulating evidence-based solutions to critical problems facing California.

2. What policy areas are of interest?

In 2015-16, the Selection Committee will entertain proposals focused on water, revenue and taxation, and health.

3. Are more specific questions of interest?

Yes. Proposals should address one or more specific questions posed by our Executive and Legislative Branch partners. For the 2015-16 Cycle, the questions are:

- Health
 - What are the barriers to accessing high quality health care for newly insured individuals under Covered California (including new MediCal enrollees), and how can the State help to overcome these barriers?
 - How should scope-of-practice laws evolve to allow all health care practitioners to work to their full capabilities while maintaining quality of care for all Californians?
- Water
 - What are the most effective approaches to groundwater management, taking into account water supply, environmental impacts, and property rights?
 - What is the potential role of *financial incentives* (such as subsidies or financing) or *feedback on water use* (e.g. through metering) in encouraging investment (e.g. in water-saving appliances) and conservation in the residential, commercial/industrial, and agricultural sectors?
 - How can we deliver safe drinking water to thousands of small communities? More specifically, how can small water districts be effectively monitored and managed for both safety and sustainability?
- Revenue and Taxation
 - As sales tax and income tax provisions of Proposition 30 sunset in 2016 and 2018, respectively, how can the State best assure adequate funding for K-12 education and other critical priorities?

- How can transportation infrastructure, including roads and highways, be maintained in the face of decreasing use of (and therefore decreasing tax revenue from) fossil fuels?
- What is the optimal balance of revenue sources (including personal and corporate income taxes, sales taxes, use taxes, etc.) to ensure fiscal stability, fairness, and flexibility in a changing economy?

4. Who is eligible and what is the application process?

Any full-time UC faculty member (Senate or Federation) is eligible to apply. Application materials are available here uccs.ucdavis.edu/bacon-public-lectureship . Required application materials include a Cover Sheet, a 750 word abstract outlining the proposed approach to the policy problem, and a Brief Biosketch.

5. What is the size of the award and what are the deliverables?

The faculty member whose proposal is selected will receive a stipend of up to \$10,000 to cover costs of research, travel, and editing. A 5000 word White Paper and 2 page Policy Brief is due by early September, 2015. The White Paper will be peer reviewed by scientific and policy experts. The faculty member will deliver the Bacon Public Lecture in February, 2016 at the UC Center Sacramento. The faculty member will spend the remainder of the afternoon and the following day interacting with officials from the Legislature and Executive Branch about evidence-based policymaking in their field. UCCS will provide assistance with dissemination of the White Paper and Policy Brief, assuring that the results reach a large policy audience.

6. Who is expected to participate in the Bacon Public Lecture?

The UC faculty member awardee will be joined by one or more public officials from the Executive and/or Legislative branches of government. The 90 minute program will include the featured lecture, opportunities for interaction with policymakers, and audience discussion.