**Below are the application requirements and questions for each Leadership Award. If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at** [**lead@ucmerced.edu**](mailto:lead@ucmerced.edu)**.**

**Nominations are due March 1st, 2024!**

**All awards ask for nominator and nominee contact info, 1-2 supplemental documents, and all written responses have a 250-word limit. Please read each award criteria because all awards have different requirements for eligibility.**

**Nominator Information**

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| --- | --- |
| First Name |  |
| Last Name |  |
| UC Merced Email |  |
| Relationship to nominee |  |

**NOMINEE INFORMATION:** Which individual are you nominating for this award? Please include that person's contact information below. 

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| First Name |  |
| Last Name |  |
| UC Merced Email |  |

X2 Supporting Documents (required): If you have any documents (white papers, policies, news articles, event flyers, letters, videos, etc.) that exemplify/demonstrate why this individual deserves this award, please upload them here.

**The UC Merced Distinguished Leadership Award**

The Souza Leadership Center defines leadership as the act of being proactive to address the community needs and lead individuals to make a collective positive impact in a program, organization, or community. Leadership can happen within formal leadership roles. However, leadership also happens when a student without a formal role sees a need in the community that they then work to address. We aim to celebrate both types of student leadership with the Distinguished Leadership Award.  
  
**The Distinguished Leadership Award recognizes an undergraduate student who has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills in the past academic year.** This individual has made a significant impact within the UC Merced community through their exemplary leadership. More than one recipient may be awarded.   
  
**Criteria to consider:**

* The nominee engaged in specific actions & practices that demonstrated exceptional leadership skills this 2023-2024 academic year.
* This nominee made a clear positive impact on UC Merced and/or the UC Merced community through their actions.
* This nominee led others to engage in teamwork in supporting our community.

**Nomination Applications are due March 1st, 2024 at 5PM.   
\*Self-nominations are accepted for this award\***

1. How has this nominee demonstrated leadership within the past academic year? Please provide specific examples, details, and/or stories to support your nomination.
2. What UC Merced or community need did this nominee help address through their leadership engagement. Please provide specific examples, details, and/or stories to support your nomination.
3. In your opinion, what impact do you believe this nominee has made with their leadership? Please provide further details to support your nomination.

**The UC Merced Carol Tomlinson-Keasey Leadership Award**

The Carol Tomlinson-Keasey Award recognizes a student graduating during the 2023-2024 academic year (undergraduate or graduate) whose influence, ideals and activities **throughout their college career** have left a lasting, positive impression on the institution and raises the standard of excellence for future generations.   
  
**Criteria to Consider:**

* The nominee has engaged in activities throughout their entire college career that has had what will be a lasting positive impact on UC Merced community.
* The nominee has been involved in multiple ways in the UC Merced community.
* The nominee MUST be graduating during the 23-24 academic year.
* The nominee must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

**Nomination Applications are due by March 1st, 2024, at 5PM.  
\*Self-nominations are NOT accepted for this award. \***

The following questions should be answered with a **MINIMUM** of 250 words. Please note - the CTK Leadership Award is competitive, so we encourage you to use specific examples and add metrics where applicable. (e.g. Nominee planned and facilitated a 2-hour workshop on public speaking to 12 new members and 8 officers.)

Leadership can be positional AND non-positional. Positional leadership refers to holding an official title for example: treasurer, vice president, fundraising chair, etc. Non-positional leadership refers to influencing others through relationship building and collaboration regardless of a title.   
  
I. Please list all the ways in which the nominee engaged in positional and/or non-positional leadership in their time at UC Merced.

II. Referencing your previous answer - **describe** how the nominee demonstrated their commitment to the UC Merced community in their leadership (positional or non-positional) roles.

III. Describe the **long-lasting impact** the nominee has had on UC Merced or the surrounding community?

**The UC Merced Legacy Leadership Award**

The Legacy Award recognizes a graduating student who epitomizes the "best of leader" within the UC Merced community through actions consistent with the [University's Principles of Community](https://www.ucmerced.edu/principles-of-community). This individual has displayed actions and ideals throughout their time as a student at UC Merced that will leave a lasting, positive impression on the institution and has raised the standard of excellence for future generations.   
  
**Criteria to Consider:**

* This individual has engaged in activities throughout their entire college career that has had what will be a lasting positive impact on the UC Merced Community.
* This student has been involved in multiple ways in the UC Merced Community.
* This student must be graduating during the **2023-2024** academic year.

**Nomination Applications are due March 1st, 2024 at 5PM.  
\*Self-nominations are accepted for this award.\***

The following questions should be answered with a **MINIMUM of 250 words**. Please note - the UCM Legacy Award is competitive so we encourage you to use specific examples and add metrics where applicable. (e.g. Nominee planned and facilitated a 2 hour workshop on public speaking to 12 new members and 8 officers.)

Please explain how this nominee has demonstrated commitment to leadership during their time at UC Merced. Please give specific examples of the nominee's leadership experience(s), including the group(s) the student has been involved in, positions held in the group(s), types of programs/activities they have been instrumental in bringing to the UCM community as well as any UCM & community partners they have collaborated with.

1. Please explain how this nominee has demonstrated commitment to leadership during their time at UC Merced. Please give specific examples of the nominee's leadership experience(s), including the group(s) the student has been involved in, positions held in the group(s), types of programs/activities they have been instrumental in bringing to the UCM community as well as any UCM & community partners they have collaborated with.
2. [UC Merced's Principles of Community](https://www.ucmerced.edu/principles-of-community) reflect our ongoing efforts to increase access and inclusion and to create a community that nurtures lifelong learning and growth for all members. Please give specific examples of ways in which this nominee has demonstrated living out these principles during their time at UC Merced
3. In your opinion, how has this nominee grown in leadership since the time you met them until now?
4. What **long lasting impact** has this nominee had on UC Merced or the surrounding community?

**The UC Merced Steven & Mia Kang Leadership for Social Change Award**

This award honors Steven & Mia Kang's commitment to UC Merced students and inspires current students to strive to become change agents in society and continue to lead by example. The prize will be awarded annually to an outstanding student who has distinguished themselves by their demonstrated leadership in social change either on campus or the community.   
  
**Criteria to consider:**

* This nominee has engaged in leadership throughout their time at UC Merced.
* This nominee has been involved in work specific to social change at UC Merced and beyond.
* This nominee can be described as change agent.

**Nomination Applications are due March 1st, 2024 at 5PM.   
\*Self-nominations are NOT accepted for this award\***

The following questions should be answered with a **MINIMUM** of 250 words. Please note - the Steven & Mia Kang Leadership for Social Change Award is competitive so we encourage you to use specific examples and add metrics where applicable. (e.g. Nominee planned and facilitated a 2 hour workshop on public speaking to 12 new members and 8 officers.)

1. A social change leader is an individual who works to make a positive impact amongst their peers, community, and the world at large. A social change leader embodies characteristics, such as, being collaborative, purposeful, values-driven, and committed to uplifting and supporting members of the community to create systemic change.   
     
   How does this nominee embody these characteristics? Please provide specific examples, details, and/or stories to support your nomination.
2. What UC Merced or community need did this nominee help address through their leadership engagement? Please provide specific examples, details, and/or stories to support your nomination.
3. In your opinion, what systemic change did this nominee bring about through their leadership engagement at UC Merced and beyond?