



Samuelli Scholars Award

Program Overview

Purpose

Samuelli Scholars are existing UCI faculty whose achievements show extraordinary promise to advance basic, translational, or clinical scholarship in integrative health and have a history of contributions of national distinction. Appointments are expected to have a three-year duration based on annual reappointment but may be renewed for up to 2 more years at the discretion of the VCHA, in consultation with the AVC Integrative Health. These superb faculty will advance the field of Integrative Health and may be in schools within or outside the Susan & Henry Samuelli College of Health Sciences. We intend to appoint a minimum of two scholars in 2021.

Funding

The Samuelli Scholar designation carries an award up to \$50K per year in support for research that focuses on integrative health, defined as areas of investigation aimed at accelerating evidence-based understanding and implementation of therapies for whole-person care.

Integrative therapies, as defined by the NIH, include use of natural products (e.g., botanicals, dietary supplements, and probiotics), mind and body approaches (e.g., mind/brain-focused practices like meditation and hypnosis), body-based approaches (e.g., acupuncture, massage), meditative exercise (e.g., yoga, tai chi), and art and music therapies. Integrative approaches can also address lifestyle interventions (e.g., nutrition) and behaviors.

At the end of the Scholar's appointment, continued engagement with the Susan Samuelli Integrative Health Institute (SSIHI), judged to be of sufficient impact by the Vice Chancellor of Health Affairs (VCHA) and the Associate Vice Chancellor Integrative Health (AVC), will permit designation as a Samuelli Scholar Emeritus and offer the opportunity to apply for SSIHI pilot award funding.

Expectations

The Samuelli Scholar will attend SSIHI faculty meetings, present at grand rounds on an annual basis, participate in an Integrative Health research symposium, and identify their affiliation in publications and presentations. Scholars will also be identified as SSIHI-affiliated faculty.

Application Process

Applications: Applications and nominations will be considered beginning on September 15, 2021 by contacting Georgia Christodoulou, SSIHI research administrator, at gchrist3@hs.uci.edu. The first scholars will be appointed by the end of the calendar year.



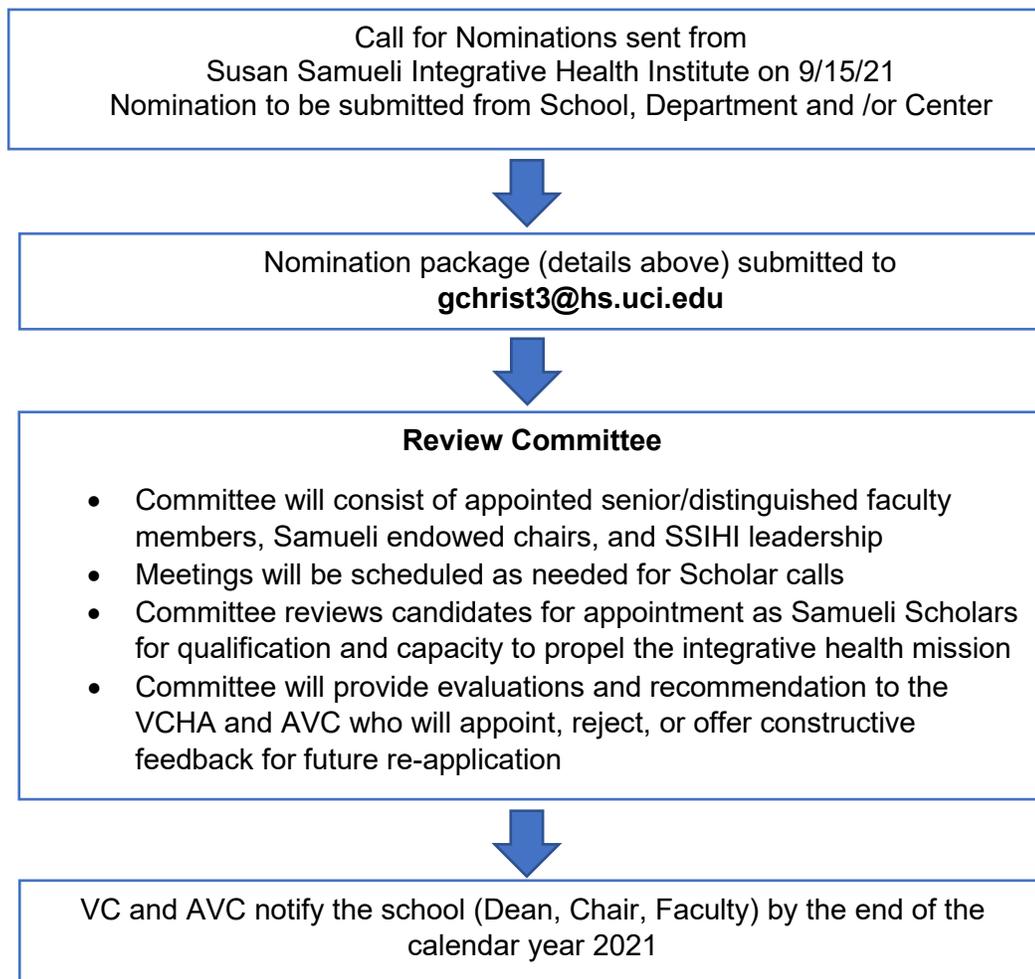
Application Deadline: November 15th

Eligible Scholars: Scholars can be at any phase of their career although national distinction generally accrues by those who have achieved promotion to Associate or Full Professor.

Nomination Package Materials:

- a. Chair support letter with signature line from the Dean
- b. Center/Institute support letter (if relevant)
- c. NIH Biosketch statement
- d. Candidate statement indicating research plans and how they advance integrative health and the SSIHI mission
- e. Letter of support: 3 (can be both internal and external letters)

Application Process Workflow:



Notification Emails for Receipt of Proposal: A notification email indicating the receipt of your application will be sent within 24 hours of submission. If you have not received an email, please contact Georgia Christodoulou at gchrist3@hs.uci.edu