GRADUATE COUNCIL

NOMINATION FOR THE 2013-2014 GRADUATE DISSERTATION/MENTORING AWARD

PROFESSOR ASHOK MULCHANDANI

Each year the Graduate Council and Graduate Division present the Doctoral Dissertation Advisor/Mentor Award to one or two UCR faculty members who have made outstanding contributions to the training of advanced graduate students. It is my pleasure to announce that this year’s winner is Ashok Mulchandani.

Dr. Ashok Mulchandani is the W. Ruel Johnson Professor in Environmental Engineering in the Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering. He obtained his B. Tech. from Laxminarayan Institute of Technology, Nagpur in 1976, M. Tech. from Indian Institute of Technology, Powai, in 1978, and Ph.D. from McGill University, Montreal, in 1985. He is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering. He is editor-in-chief of Applied Biochemistry and Biotechnology and a member of the editorial boards of several journals. Additional honors include the Research Initiation Award from the National Science Foundation and Faculty Participation Award from the U.S. Department of Energy. Dr. Mulchandani’s research focuses on the area of bionanotechnology, creating sensors (analytical devices) that use biological and/or chemical sensing elements to analyze chemical or biological molecules of interest. Dr. Mulchandani has advised 49 graduate students (including 39 Ph.D. students), more than 38 postdocs and 40 undergraduate researchers. His students have uniformly praised him for his outstanding contributions to their graduate education and training, a "Highly knowledgeable adviser! Life-time mentor! Wonderful friend!"