GRADUATE COUNCIL

NOMINATION FOR THE 2014-2015 GRADUATE DISSERTATION/MENTORING AWARD

PROFESSOR VYJAYANTHI CHARI

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 Vyjayanthi Chari.

Dr. Vyjayanthi Chari is a Professor in the Department of Mathematics. She received her BS (1976) and PhD (1988) in Mathematics from Bombay University. She has been at UCR since 1991, where she started as an Associate Professor and is presently investigating new directions in Lie Theory. Over the years, Dr. Chari has mentored an impressive number of graduate students—27 in total; however, her students uniformly report that Dr. Chari provided timely guidance for professional, educational, and personal matters. Many students cited Dr. Chari as one of the most influential people in their lives. Furthermore, it is clear both from the eloquent nature of the supporting letters and the prestigious positions held by those who wrote them that Dr. Chari produces articulate, successful mentees. For her many efforts in mentoring graduate students, she is being honored with the Doctoral Dissertation Advisor/Mentor Award.