

**COMMITTEE ON FACULTY RESEARCH LECTURER  
REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION  
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**NOMINATION OF DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AMAN ULLAH  
FOR 2018-2019 FACULTY RESEARCH LECTURER**

From its inception well over half a century ago, the Faculty Research Lecturer Award has been the highest honor that the Academic Senate bestows. This year members of the Academic Senate nominated eight exceptional candidates—at least one in each of the three colleges.

The Committee on Faculty Research Lecturer is delighted to place in nomination Aman Ullah, Distinguished Professor of Economics. We believe that the international acclaim for Professor Ullah's fundamental research in econometrics (the development and implementation of statistical methods in economics) will add great luster to the award.

As documented in the nomination letter from faculty in his department and in the outside letters from prominent econometricians at some of the finest universities in the world, Professor Ullah has made fundamental contributions in three distinct areas of econometrics: classical statistical and econometric inference, nonparametric and semi-parametric econometrics, and finite-sample econometrics. One distinguished econometrician writes that Professor Ullah "is widely recognized as a leading econometric theorist and one of the most productive scholars in the discipline" and "has helped to shape the discipline of modern econometrics." Specifically, "[h]is early work on finite sample theory established him as a leading contributor in one of the most challenging areas of econometrics" and his work on nonparametric and semi-parametric methods "helped lay the foundation of this vast field." A similarly distinguished econometrician writes that "Dr. Ullah is internationally recognized for his significant and path breaking contributions in the area of nonparametric econometrics and finite sample econometrics."

Professor Ullah's publication record is remarkable for an econometrician, with ten books and more than 150 journal articles. Two of his books, published by Cambridge University Press and Oxford University Press, serve as the standard references in the important sub-disciplines of nonparametric econometrics and finite sample econometrics. He has published in virtually all of the major economics journals, including several papers in *Econometrica*, the flagship journal of the international economics community. Incredibly, he served as department chair for the past nine years with no adverse effect on his robust productivity.

Professor Ullah's academic contributions have been internationally recognized by honorific appointments as a Fellow at some 12 universities and professional organizations and journals. His accomplishments also have been recognized by research conferences organized in his honor in China (2011) and at UCR (2015), each attended by prominent econometric scholars from around the world. In addition, the journal *Econometric Reviews* and the book series *Advances in Econometrics* have published special issues in his honor (2015 and 2016, respectively).

Finally, in the words of one of the distinguished letter writers, Professor Ullah "has a spectacular record as a dissertation advisor with more than 50 Ph.D. students to his

credit.” This record, along with his excellent student placement in academic institutions around the world, earned Professor Ullah the Doctoral Dissertation/Mentoring Award in 2005.

Well into his fifth decade in the profession, Professor Ullah shows no sign of slowing down. As the nomination letter points out, “he still continues to tackle challenging and fundamental problems in econometrics (e.g. big data and machine learning) with an extensive list of work in progress.”

For these reasons and many more, we, the undersigned members of the Senate Committee on Faculty Research Lecturer, unanimously and enthusiastically nominate, as Faculty Research Lecturer for 2018-2019, Distinguished Professor Aman Ullah.

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