

**COMMITTEE ON DISTINGUISHED CAMPUS SERVICE  
NOMINATION FOR THE 2019-2020 DISTINGUISHED CAMPUS SERVICE AWARD**

**Distinguished Professor Norman Ellstrand**

The Committee is pleased to nominate Professor Norman Ellstrand from the Department of Botany and Plant Sciences as a recipient of the Campus Distinguished Service Award for the Academic year 2019-2020. Professor Ellstrand is a Distinguished Professor and an internationally recognized scholar. His research spans evolutionary and population genetics, invasive species evolution, gene flow and biotechnology risk assessment. Prof Ellstrand has provided exceptional service to our campus, the UC system and our community. His service is multifaceted and only the highlights are provided here. Some of Prof Ellstrand highest impact contributions to our campus have been his clear vision and leadership in initiating three prominent UCR Centers. He was founder, Acting Director and Director of the Biotechnology Impacts Center (2000-2008). He was the founder and Acting Director of the Center for Conservation Biology (1997-98), Co-Chair and member of the CCB Advisory Committee (2010-2013), and he remains involved in this vibrant Center today. Most recently, he has devoted his efforts to develop UCR's California Agriculture and Food Enterprise (CAFÉ). CAFÉ brings faculty from diverse disciplines across the campus together. CAFÉ has supported workshops, seminars, conferences, and grant writing activities. His enthusiasm, approachable manner, visionary guidance, and strong work ethic has engaged and benefitted faculty across the UCR campus.

In addition to initiating these visionary Centers, Prof Ellstrand has distinguished Senate service including serving on the: Charges Committee three times, Committee on Educational Policy, Library Committee and Faculty Research Lecturer Committee. Prof. Ellstrand has also contributed to the UC system wide by representing UCR at California Global Food Initiative events, being a co-organizer of a panel to discuss Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs: All Facts, No Fiction), and has lead a workshop on dissertation writing. Prof Ellstrand has been a generous contributor to the Department of Botany and Plant Sciences and the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences. He has promoted faculty as Chair of the BPSC Awards Committee. He has served as the Graduate Advisor for Plant Biology three times: Plant Biology is the largest life science graduate program at UCR. In addition, he was a member of the Graduate Educational Advisory Committee, GAANN Advisory Committee, Academic Planning Committee, and the Teaching Committee. Finally, Prof Ellstrand has served the College as a member of the CNAS Science Public lecture series committee, a speaker for a CNAS Homecoming Reception and helped to organize the very successful Banquet Symposium for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Citrus Experiment Station Celebration.

Finally, Prof Ellstrand also has a distinguished history in promoting the success of UCR's students and faculty. As Graduate Advisor for Plant Biology, he was proactive in anticipating and solving student problems. For faculty, he has taken a leadership role as an informal mentor for junior faculty from numerous departments. For the campus, he is strongly advocates for UCR with local businesses and government. Based on his distinguished service to his department, his College, the Senate, the Campus, the UC System, and to UCR's faculty, the Committee believes Prof. Ellstrand is highly deserving of the 2019-20 Campus Distinguished Service Award.