



We are very pleased to announce 154 staff members in 31 departments from across the School of Medicine as the inaugural recipients of a STAR Achievement Award for their efforts and impact. The Staff Appreciation and Recognition Plan (the “STAR Plan”) cash recognition awards are discretionary and may be awarded to eligible employees for the purpose of recognizing and rewarding excellence in University service, significant achievements and contributions, and outstanding performance.

A STAR Work Group of Department Administrators developed an equitable selection process to compare accomplishments for staff across functional areas, and gave significant consideration to the diversity of roles, classification levels and departments represented among both selection committee members and Achievement Award winners.

- Seven selection committees were organized by functional areas including: Clinical, Research, Education, Administrative Support, Finance, Administration and Technology.
- The selection committee members included non-supervisory staff, managers and faculty.
- All members had an opportunity to review nominations in advance of sessions facilitated by SOM STAR Work Group Members.

The accomplishments and contributions of all the nominees were impressive and inspiring which made the selection committee efforts particularly challenging and rewarding. We want to take this opportunity to thank all our staff for their hard work and commitment, to congratulate our Achievement Award winners, and to offer a heartfelt thanks to all the selection committee members for their efforts in reviewing the over 325 nominations received. Every one of you has contributed to making UCSF a world-class institution and an outstanding place to work. Thank you!

May 2017 Recipients

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[Hilary Bunlert, Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences](#)
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[Julian Castaneda, Institute for Neurodegenerative Diseases](#)
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