

recognizing the very best
of faculty scholarship

The University of Illinois

University Scholars

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The year 1986 marks the second annual financial awards for outstanding faculty under the University Scholars program. This innovative effort is supported exclusively by private gifts made to the University Advancement Fund and is designed to encourage top-rank faculty to come to and continue their careers at the University of Illinois.

Inaugurated in the fall of 1985, the University Scholars program represents a significant leap into the future for the University as it prepares for the challenges of the twenty-first century. With such a program the University of Illinois is able to take even greater strides toward building faculty stability, both through retention of scholars already working on the campuses and through recruitment of the world's foremost and finest researchers and teachers.

The University Scholars concept recognizes excellence and extends inducements that will help accelerate the University's advancement into national prominence as America's pre-eminent university – public or private. The program is helping to identify the most talented faculty from many different disciplines – from the arts and humanities to engineering – and to encourage continued professional growth and contribution to the University of Illinois and the public it serves.

Recipients of the second annual University Scholars awards were announced on the occasion of the fifty-first annual meeting of the U of I Foundation on October 10, 1986.

Fourteen young scholars each were awarded \$5,000 per year for three years to support their scholarly activities. These faculty members, who are in the beginning of their careers, already have demonstrated strong scholarship and show promise of achieving even greater eminence. In addition, 14 annual awards of \$10,000 each for three years were made to senior faculty members whose work is superior in their fields.

Awards to last year's charter recipients allowed them to acquire books, journals and equipment essential to their research; arrange conferences on campus and help defray expenses of nationally regarded guest speakers; conduct research around the globe; and hire graduate students to conduct research and meet critical grant deadlines.

Faculty from both campuses are nominated for the University Scholars program by their departments. Final selection is made by a committee of senior University of Illinois faculty. Award winners are from both the Urbana-Champaign and Chicago campuses.

Support for the University Scholars program is drawn exclusively from private gifts to the University Advancement Fund. Alumni and friends across the nation are aiding the Advancement Fund; and, in 1986, significant corporate support in behalf of this faculty recognition program was provided by Caterpillar, Inc.

The Advancement Fund is one of the University's most valuable resources. It provides for flexible, current use dollars received through private giving. These dollars exist independent of any single college or department or specific campus program and are distributed through joint approval of the U of I Foundation Board of Directors and the University President to meet the most resourceful opportunities as they arise. Over the years, the Advancement Fund has been used to meet dozens of urgent needs and to fill critical gaps in funding for countless campus programs, and will continue to do so. The University Scholars program is the top priority among the Advancement Fund's long-term goals.

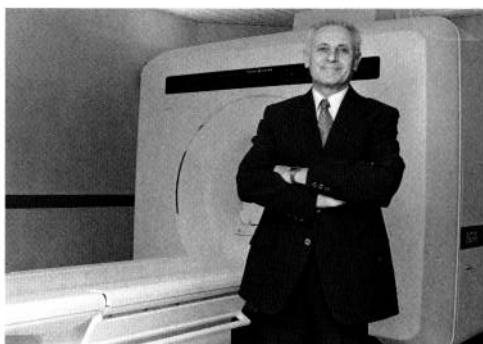
**Recipients of 1986
University Scholars Awards**



David H. Baker

Professor at Urbana-Champaign; Animal Sciences Department; Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1965

David Baker is regarded as the pre-eminent research scientist in the nutrition of food animals, such as poultry and swine. His work with amino acids – the basic building blocks of protein – has brought him more important research awards in recent years than any other animal nutritionist in the world. He has directed 19 Ph.D. recipients and is widely sought after as a speaker, reviewer and consultant.



Michael Barany

Professor at Chicago; Biological Chemistry Department; Ph.D., University of Budapest (Hungary), 1956

Michael Barany has spent his long and productive career studying muscles, particularly the biochemical bases of muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy and heart ailments. His teaching gets good reviews from both students and faculty. His scholarship and teaching are matched only by his role as the “conscience of excellence” in his home department. “He is the department’s symbol for past and future glories,” his nominator said.