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I am pleased to announce the opening of the nomination process for the 2019 Systemwide UC Women's Initiative for Professional Development (UC WI).

UC WI is a targeted professional development program designed to help more women advance into positions of leadership and non-leadership throughout UC. It is delivered with the endorsement of the President's Office and the Systemwide Advisory Committee on the Status of Women (SACSW). It was developed by Systemwide Human Resources through our Talent Management division, and has been acknowledged as award-winning and leading-edge by external organizations. It uses the CORO leadership programs as its foundation.

- Participants have consistently rated UC WI among the most valuable professional development program they have completed and they would highly recommend UC WI to their colleagues. Over 250 UC women will have completed the program by the end of 2018.
- Systemwide Human Resources has been awarded the [2018 Brandon Hall Group Gold Excellence Award for Best Advance in Women's Leadership Development](#) for the UC WI program.

We are continuing to provide this unique development opportunity to women across the UC System and will again partner with locations to manage and deliver the program. The 2019 program will follow a similar format to the 2018 program which includes:

- Program fee of \$1925 per participant
- Six regional cohorts (three North and three South), accommodating 180 total participants
- Program co-facilitators are Coro Northern California staff and UC Facilitators who are graduates of the program
- Regional North and South final capstone events
- A single request for nominations to fill all six cohorts

The nomination process is open between September 7, 2018 and October 12, 2018. The request for nominations and additional information can be found in the attached document and on the [program website](#). Please feel free to contact me or Terry Barton, teresa.barton@ucop.edu, if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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