

## CHANG-LIN TIEN LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Chang-Lin Tien Leadership in Education Award recognizes Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPIs) who have achieved significant academic accomplishments and demonstrate the potential to advance to the highest leadership levels in higher education or has shown the capacity to grow and move from a high-level position. The recipient will receive a \$10,000 grant to establish a Chang-Lin Tien Scholarship Fund for AAPI students at their institution. **Nominations are due March 27th, 2026.** Selection of the award recipient will be made by June 2026.

### Nomination Criteria:

- Asian American or Pacific Islander working in a U.S. higher education institution
- Currently associated with a four-year public or private college or university
- Appointed at the level of dean or a position of comparable—or higher—responsibility. Preference is given to candidates who do not currently hold a chief executive position (i.e., chancellor, president, provost or comparable level).
- Demonstrates potential for future career advancement
- Demonstrates outstanding leadership potential and scholarly achievement

**Background:** The award honors the legacy of Chang-Lin Tien, a founding board member of the Asian Pacific Fund and the first AAPI to head a major American research university as chancellor of UC Berkeley from 1990 to 1997. This endowed and permanent program is the only one of its kind in the nation. Recent award recipients<sup>1</sup> include (Full List: [bit.ly/cltrecipients](http://bit.ly/cltrecipients))

- Michael S. Spencer, Dean and Professor, University of Washington School of Social Work
- Mung Chiang, President, Purdue University
- Daryl Joji Maeda, Dean and Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education, University of Colorado Boulder
- Geeta Anand, Dean of the Graduate School of Journalism, UC Berkeley

For a full description of the awards program, nomination form and important dates, please visit: [asianpacificfund.org/what-we-do/chang-lin-tien-award](http://asianpacificfund.org/what-we-do/chang-lin-tien-award)

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<sup>1</sup> Titles and affiliations are for the time when the award was presented.



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LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION AWARD**

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**2026 Nomination Form**

**Candidate Information**

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First Name:  Last Name:

Title:  Institution:

Mailing Address:

City:  State:  Zip Code:

Phone:  E-mail:

Ethnicity (optional):

Some of the attributes that will be considered by the selection committee are: 1) Demonstrated scholarly contributions; 2) Demonstrated leadership in scholarly field; 3) Leadership in institutional management; 4) Dedicated to student well-being; 5) Understands and promotes diversity in higher education; and 6) Integrates Asian<sup>2</sup> American, Native Hawaiian, or other Pacific Islander and American heritage in educational leadership.

On a separate page (no more than one [1] page), please briefly describe the candidate's contributions, achievements and administrative experience or provide a statement of support.

**Nominator Information**

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First Name:  Last Name:

Title:  Institution:

City:  State:  Zip Code:

Phone:  E-mail:

**Deadline: Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 by 11:59 PM (PT)**  
**Submit nominations to: [tavae@asianpacificfund.org](mailto:tavae@asianpacificfund.org)**

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<sup>2</sup> Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese and other Southeast Asian, Indian and other South Asian, Middle Eastern and Asian ethnic groups