

*Vivek Sharma has raised the caliber of physics education at UCSD through his passion for excellence, his embrace of innovative technology and his personal commitment to his students and teaching assistants. An experimental particle physicist of considerable stature, he was amongst the earliest faculty to employ the World wide web, slides and streaming video and many of his students have reported that these tools opened new vistas for them. His teaching assistants have praised him for his extraordinary attention to their career prospects, and his colleagues have expressed gratitude for his generous work on behalf of the department, from serving on committees to recruiting top graduate students. One student said simply: "Professor Sharma is a giver who puts students first."*

*In recognition of distinguished teaching at the University of California, San Diego, the academic senate bestows this award.*

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