

UC/JEPS Research Associate Wins Outstanding Mentor Award

Ingrid Jordon-Thaden, Research Associate at UC/JEPS, has been recognized as an Outstanding Mentor by the Cal NERDS program (New Experiences for Research and Diversity in Science).

As part of Cal NERDS, her student, Imari Walker, was a recipient of an UC LEADS scholarship (Leadership Excellence through Advanced Degrees), a program to educate California's future leaders by preparing promising students for advanced education in science, mathematics, and engineering. Imari's research involved studying polyploid speciation of *Tragopogon*, a weedy dandelion. Additionally, Imari was inducted into the honorary scientific society as an associate member of Sigma Xi for her research with Dr. Jordon-Thaden.

