

Board Meeting  
July 19, 2012

AUTHORIZE HONORARY DEGREE, URBANA

**Action:** Authorize the Award of Honorary Doctorate Degree

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Senate at the Urbana-Champaign campus has recommended that an honorary degree be conferred on the following person at Commencement Exercises on May 12, 2013:

**Fred R. Volkmar**, Director of the Yale Child Study Center and Professor of Child Psychiatry, Pediatrics and Psychology – the honorary degree of Doctor of Science  
Fred Volkmar, a University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign alumnus, conducts research focusing on neurobiology and treatment of autism and related disorders in individuals of all ages. He is the author of several hundred scientific papers and chapters as well as a number of books. Dr. Volkmar was the primary author of the American Psychiatric Association's DSM-IV autism and pervasive developmental disorders section, and serves on many editorial/advisory boards such as the Board of Advisors for *Parents Magazine* and *The Journal of Child Neuropsychology*. He also served as Associate Editor for the *American Journal of Psychiatry*. Dr. Volkmar is a Fellow of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Vice President, University of Illinois and Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign concurs in the recommendation.

The President of the University recommends approval.