Members of the Academic Senate

Dear Colleagues,

The UC Office of the President has announced the **2016-17 Request for Proposals to the UC-HBCU Initiative**. The goal of this initiative is to increase the number of scholars from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) enrolling in UC academic doctoral programs. The Office of the President will be holding an applicant webinar to provide information about the UC-HBCU Initiative proposal on **Tuesday, November 8 at 10 a.m.** Pacific Time. To register for this event, click here: [http://www.ucop.edu/uc-hbcu-initiative/faculty-grants/uc-faculty-applicant-webinar/index.html](http://www.ucop.edu/uc-hbcu-initiative/faculty-grants/uc-faculty-applicant-webinar/index.html).

UC faculty grants are available to support HBCU students conducting summer research with UC faculty at a UC campus. Funds are also available to support departmental efforts to increase the number of HBCU scholars who apply to UC graduate Programs. To help recruit the UC-HBCU summer program participants, UCOP and the Graduate Division provide fellowship support to students who accept offers of admission to our doctoral degree programs.

Please see the announcement below for information and links to the UC-HBCU proposal materials. Detailed information is available at this [website](http://www.ucop.edu/uc-hbcu-initiative/index.html). **The deadline for submitting proposals is noon on Wednesday, March 15, 2017.**

The Graduate Division will hold an information session for faculty who are interested in learning more about the program, award types, eligibility criteria, and best practices in applying for and directing UC-HBCU programs. **SAVE THE DATE**

**UC-HBCU Workshop with Associate Dean Carlos Grijalva**

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Murphy Hall Room 2121


Since the inception of the program, UCLA has garnered more UC-HBCU grants than any other UC campus. **UCLA faculty awardees** include Professors Walter Allen (Education), Paul Barber (Ecology &Evolutionary Biology), Henry Burton (Civil and Environmental Engineering), Sandra Graham (Education), Miguel Garcia-Garibay (Chemistry and Biochemistry), Alexander Hoffmann (Medicine/Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics), Darnell Hunt (Sociology), William Hsu (Radiology), Dwayne Simmons (Integrative Biology and Physiology),William Worger (History), and Pamela Yeh (Ecology and Evolutionary Biology).

To hear from UC faculty about their experiences with the UC-HBCU Initiative, please view this [short video](http://www.ucop.edu/uc-hbcu-initiative/index.html) on the UC-HBCU website: [http://www.ucop.edu/uc-hbcu-initiative/index.html](http://www.ucop.edu/uc-hbcu-initiative/index.html). Please consider
Dear Colleagues,

The Office of the President is very pleased to announce the 2016-17 Request for Proposals for the UC-HBCU Initiative. As you may recall, this is a systemwide initiative designed to assist UC faculty interested in developing and encouraging efforts to achieve a more inclusive educational environment of excellence. The goal of the UC-HBCU Initiative is to increase the number of scholars from Historically Black Colleges and Universities completing UC academic doctoral programs. UC faculty grants are available to support HBCU students conducting summer research with UC faculty at a UC campus, and to support departmental efforts to facilitate increased applications from HBCU scholars to UC PhD programs. Again this year, Principal Investigators may include 1/9 (1/12 for UCSF PIs) summer salary to help support their efforts during the summer(s) in which the projects are active. These funds are being provided by each of the chancellors as a commitment to valuing faculty diversity work at their campus. We hope this will facilitate faculty continuing to undertake this important work to strengthen UC.

Since 2012, UC has hosted 317 HBCU scholars across 9 UC campuses. There are currently twenty-seven PhD students and four academic master’s students enrolled (one master’s student has already graduated) across six UC campuses as a direct result of this initiative. As you know, building relationships and cultivating greater enrollment of HBCU scholars at UC is a long-term investment. Project progress reports are required of Principal Investigators and program outcomes are evaluated.

Please share the information below with faculty on your campus and encourage them to participate in the UC-HBCU Initiative webinar on Tuesday, November 8 from 10:00-11:00 a.m..

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The initiative is in direct support of Appointment and Promotion review and appraisal criteria as established in the Academic Personnel Manual:

how you, too, could be involved in this important initiative and support UCLA’s commitment to diversity.

With best regards,

Robin L. Garrell
Vice Provost for Graduate Education
Dean, Graduate Division
This effort also supports the Diversity Statement, adopted as policy in 2007, by the UC Regents. Thus I want to be sure faculty are made aware of this important opportunity. I appreciate your attention and assistance on behalf of this initiative.

Sincerely,

Aimée Dorr, Provost
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs