Dear Deans, Directors, Chairs, and Faculty,

Every year, UCLA faculty and staff participate in the recruitment, selection and hiring of Postdoctoral Scholars through three centralized programs:

- UC President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (PPFP)
- UCLA Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (CPFP)
- California Alliance Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (NSF-AGEP)

Each program offers a series of benefits for Postdoctoral Scholars and their faculty mentors including networking and professional development opportunities. However, the funding mechanism for each program is different. Below you will find information on each specific program, particularly funding expectations and benefits to postdocs and faculty.

With best regards,

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President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (PPFP)

The Program

This program offers postdoctoral research fellowships and faculty mentoring to outstanding scholars in all fields whose research, teaching, and service will contribute to the diversity and equal opportunity at the University of California. The contributions to diversity may include public service towards increasing equitable access in fields where women and minorities are under-represented. In some fields, the contributions may include research focusing on underserved populations or understanding inequalities related to race, gender, disability or LGBT. Awardees of this program are eligible for a UC faculty hiring incentive.

Awards & Appointments

Fellowships are awarded for research conducted at any one of the University of California’s ten campuses. The award includes a salary starting at approximately $48,200 depending on field and experience, benefits including health insurance and
paid vacation/sick leave, and up to $5,000 for research-related and program travel expenses. Each award is for a minimum of 12-months and may be renewable for an additional term upon demonstration of academic/research productivity.

Eligibility

Applicants must receive a Ph.D. from an accredited university before the start of their fellowship. Successful applicants must present documents demonstrating that they are legally authorized to work in the United States. Individuals granted deferred action status under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program are encouraged to apply.

Funding Expectations for the Department & Faculty Mentor at UCLA

Departments at UCLA with PPFP recipients will receive funding to administer the postdoctoral scholar appointment from the President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program directly.

More Information

Visit online: University of California President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program
Email: ppfpinfo@berkeley.edu

Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (CPFP)

The Program

The UCLA Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellowship provides an additional opportunity to engage in the President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for a candidate who intends to spend their fellowship year(s) at UCLA. Normally the appointment is for two years. Application is through the UC PPFP, and candidates will be considered for funding from both programs.

Awards, Appointments, and Funding

Fellowships are awarded for research conducted at any one of the University of California’s ten campuses. There are two scenarios in which a Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellow will be awarded at UCLA:

Scenario 1: Designation with Central Funding
Through the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, UCLA has funding each year to award at least one new Chancellor’s Fellow locally. Funding will be transferred to the department to cover the cost of the postdoctoral appointment. The award includes a salary starting at approximately $48,200 depending on field and experience, benefits including health insurance and paid vacation/sick leave, and up to $5,000 for research-related and program travel expenses. Each
award is for a minimum of 12-months and may be renewable for an additional term upon demonstration of academic/research productivity.

**Scenario 2: Designation with No Central Funding**
In some cases, the selection committee will select several candidates to receive the Chancellor's Postdoc designation, but will be unable to provide central funding. The postdoc will receive all benefits for the program including professional development, networking opportunities, and the faculty hiring incentive. However, in this scenario, it is important to note that the department must provide full funding support for the postdoctoral scholar appointment. This funding could come directly from the department or through a variety of sources including divisional resources, external grants and funding sources.

Special Note: Chancellor's Postdocs will receive research and travel funds from the UCLA Graduate Division (to be transferred to the department) regardless of central funding availability.

**Eligibility**

Applicants must receive a Ph.D. from an accredited university before the start of their fellowship. Successful applicants must present documents demonstrating that they are legally authorized to work in the United States. Individuals granted deferred action status under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program are encouraged to apply.

**More Information**

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**California Alliance Postdoctoral Fellowship Program**

**The Program**

The California Alliance offers postdoctoral research fellowship opportunities at four top-tier California institutions; UC Berkeley, UCLA, Stanford, and Caltech in the Mathematical, Physical Sciences and Engineering fields. The program also includes faculty mentoring, professional development, and academic networking opportunities.

The California Alliance is an unprecedented partnership between the state’s top-tier institutions to increase the number of underrepresented minority mathematicians, scientist and engineers who obtain doctoral degrees, go on to pursue research at the postdoctoral level, and join the ranks of the faculty and scientific staff at competitive institutions. The California Alliance universities are large-scale educators of STEM graduate students and postdocs as well as top producers of underrepresented scientists.
The priority deadline is November 1, 2017, but applications will be accepted through mid-June 2018. Applicants whose first choice is UC Berkeley or UCLA are strongly encouraged to meet the priority deadline and apply simultaneously to our partner, UC PPFP.

**Funding Expectations for the Department & Faculty Mentor**

This program provides a fellow designation only. The department must provide full funding support for postdoctoral scholars who are awardees of the California Alliance appointment. This funding could come directly from the department or through a variety of sources including divisional resources, external grants and funding sources. Depending on availability of funding, the Graduate Division will provide up to $15,000 to offset the cost of benefits and salary for the postdoc.

Postdocs who participate in this program will receive funding to attend an annual meeting at one of the four campuses, up to $1,000 to participate in a research exchange program, and access to a network of faculty and postdocs across the four institutions.

**Awards & Appointments**

Selected postdoctoral fellows will have a salary of $50,000-$70,000 per year, depending on the field and level of experience, with additional funds for research and professional development. Fellows should also receive enrollment in medical, dental and basic life insurance coverage while employed as a California Alliance Postdoctoral Fellow. Each award is for a minimum of 12-months with the expectation of a second-year renewal upon demonstration of academic/research productivity.

**Eligibility**

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and belong to an underrepresented minority group (African American, Chicano/Latino, Native American/Alaskan Native and Pacific Islanders). Proposed research must fall within the Mathematical, Physical Sciences and Engineering fields.

**More Information**

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