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EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLORS/PROVOSTS

Dear Colleagues:

Faculty are indispensable to the reputational excellence and impact of the university in serving the state and world. To maintain academic excellence and leadership in research, it is a strategic goal of campuses to hire future faculty who will advance the university mission. This strategic goal has been a focus of the 39-year old President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (PPFP). In partnership with the Chancellors' Fellowship Programs at individual campuses, the PPFP has been preparing exceptional and diverse scholars for hiring into the University of California faculty. This pool of scholars continues to represent the highest level of academic excellence and promise.

The Faculty Hiring Incentive Program is an important component of the PPFP and Chancellors' programs. This incentive program provides \$85,000 per year for five years to campuses that hire current or former President's or Chancellors' Fellows into ladder-rank faculty positions. Fellows awarded in 1996-1997 onward are eligible for the incentive program in support of their first UC ladder-rank faculty hire, regardless of rank or previous positions. The incentive does not follow a faculty member from one campus to another. The Office of the President has renewed this commitment for hires effective 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27.

As announced on December 18, 2017, President Napolitano eliminated the annual cap on incentives, allowing the program to return to its original status of no limit on the number of incentives awarded per year. Subsequently, the restriction on Health Sciences and professional school eligibility was lifted. This has led to an increase in overall hiring of PPFP fellows to an average of 30 per year over the past five academic years.

As in prior years, please inform the President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program office promptly when you initiate a case for hiring a former fellow, and again when an offer is accepted. All hires confirmed by June 30, 2024 will be included in the budget for 2024-25; any hires after that date will receive funding beginning the following fiscal year. (Notice of the hiring incentive funding for the 2023-24 year will be included in the final budget allocation letters from UCOP.) As in past years, campuses are encouraged to develop internal procedures for departments wishing to propose a faculty hire that would qualify for the President's and Chancellors' Postdoctoral Fellowship Program hiring incentive and to work with the President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program office to identify candidates and develop effective strategies for hiring. These hires may be made pursuant to a regular search or by a waiver of regular search procedures.

In a letter on July 13, 2016, our office shared the memorandum prepared by the University Committee on Affirmative Action, Diversity, and Equity (UCAADE) entitled "Diversifying the faculty at the University of California: Standardization of the appointment process for faculty hires via the UC President's Postdoctoral Fellows and Campus Chancellors' Fellows Programs." I encourage your use of the guidance on the use of waivers for hiring of President's and

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Chancellor's fellows in the memorandum, which can be found at https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/_files/reports/documents/DH_AD_DiversityHiringBestPractices.pdf.

A complete list of President's and Chancellors' Postdoctoral Fellows eligible for the hiring incentive is available at <https://ppfp.ucop.edu/info/fellowship-recipient/fellows-2023/fellows-2023-name/>. This year, 38 former fellows joined the ranks of the UC faculty. I am very excited about the hiring opportunities for the coming year, since we have over 140 fellows at work across the UC system in 2023-24, and they are now well positioned to join our faculty in future years. General information about the fellowship programs is available on the web at: <https://ppfp.ucop.edu/info/index.html>. Answers to frequently asked questions about the hiring incentive can be found at: <https://ppfp.ucop.edu/info/fellowship-recipient/hiring-incentive-faqs.html>

I am looking forward to working with you to ensure the success of this and other initiatives that contribute to building an outstanding faculty responsive to the needs of our increasingly diverse state. If you have any questions about the hiring incentive, please contact PFPF Director Mark Lawson, at the PFPF Office at m.lawson@berkeley.edu.

Best wishes,



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