

Date: May 5, 2025

To: Deans and Department Chairs

From: Daniel R. Jeske, Vice Provost for Academic Personnel



Cc: Elizabeth Watkins, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor  
Academic Personnel Office  
Kiersten Boyce, Associate Vice Chancellor & Chief Compliance Officer  
Mariam Lam, Vice Chancellor & Chief Diversity Officer  
Academic Senate Office  
Academic Personnel Directors

Re: Suspension of Search Committee Training for Academic Recruitments

Please be advised that the required training activities for search committee members that were outlined in APO correspondence dated September 30, 2022 are temporarily suspended due to the recent issuance of Executive Order (EO) 14173. These activities are currently undergoing revision to align with the updated policies. The temporary suspension does not change our legal obligations to prevent discrimination under federal and state laws (such as Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA), the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act).

The activities currently on hold for academic appointees are:

1. "Equal Employment, Affirmative Action and the Academic Hiring Process"
  - a. online, through the Learning Management System (LMS)
  - b. applies to searches for all Academic Employees
2. "Promoting Faculty Diversity"
  - a. in-person workshop
  - b. applies to searches for Senate Faculty

The following UCOP training remains available for academic and staff.

1. Search Advisory and Hiring Committee Best Practices
  - a. online, through LMS

Please share this information with your faculty members. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact [academicpersonnel@ucr.edu](mailto:academicpersonnel@ucr.edu). We will provide updates on the revised training as soon as they are available.

**Enclosure**

- September 30, 2022 Letter

Date: September 30, 2022

To: UCR Faculty

From: Dan R. Jeske, Vice Provost for Academic Personnel (VPAP)



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Kiersten Boyce, Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Compliance Officer  
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Re: Search Committee Training Requirement for Academic Recruitments

This memo replaces the correspondence dated July 1, 2017. The [original memo](#) described the required educational activities that all search committee members must complete before a search can move forward.

These are the activities that must be completed.

Searches for all Academic Appointees

1. **“Equal Employment, Affirmative Action and the Academic Hiring Process” (online)** – all search committee members must take the online tutorial in the Learning Management System (LMS) (access through [R'Space](#)). It is located under “Recruitment and Selection”. Note that there is a course for staff with a similar name under “Diversity” so make sure you are taking the correct course. This is a pre-requisite for attendance at the in-person workshop described below in (2). The course covers equal opportunity and affirmative action laws and proposition 209 as they pertain to academic searches. This replaces the previous online requirement.

Searches for Senate Faculty

2. **“Promoting Faculty Diversity” (in-person)** – completion of “Equal Employment, Affirmative Action and the Academic Hiring Process” is a pre-requisite for attendance.

**Previously, completion of these activities were good for a two-year period. Effective July 1, 2022, completion of these activities is good for a three-year period.** The chart below provides a *general guide*. As long as your training is valid when the search committee starts reviewing files, you do not need to train again. For example, if your training goes through December 2022, and the search committee begins reviewing files (i.e., the pool of applicants is opened to all the search committee members to begin their review) in December 2022 but does not finish until February 2023, you do not need to train again.

Year Training Taken	Eligible to Serve on Search Committees
2020	2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23
2021	2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24
2022	2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25
2023	2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26
2024	2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27

For questions or more information, please contact the Academic Personnel Director in your Dean’s office or send an email to [academicpersonnel@ucr.edu](mailto:academicpersonnel@ucr.edu).