

**TITLE:** Advancing Faculty Diversity in the Physical Sciences

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**BUDGET:** \$500,000

**INVESTIGATORS:**

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**ABSTRACT:**

This project broadens application of previous successful interventions at UC Riverside to include the departments of Physics and Astronomy and Chemistry, while also adding an important new feature—the recruitment of two mid-level faculty, one in each department—to be Provost’s Professors for Advancing the Physical Sciences. Each department will recruit one junior and one mid-level faculty member using best practices identified from previous years of the Advancing Faculty Diversity program, including targeted recruitment, the use of contributions to diversity statements and rubrics, and the offer of an enrichment year and mentors for junior faculty recruits. The mid-level faculty will be recruited at the tenured level, with the intention of forming a nidus of faculty members throughout the college aimed at increasing faculty diversity. These faculty members will be offered the termed, but renewable, title of Provost’s Professor for Advancing the Physical Sciences, and will work within the departments and with the Dean to advance faculty diversity within the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences