UCR Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellowship for Cultivating Diversity in Science, Engineering, and Mathematics

Criteria: Promising potential tenure-track applicants with no more than three years postdoctoral university experience

Award: $38,000 for 2008-2009 academic year, plus benefits and research support (see below)

Deadline: January 15, 2008

Start Date: October 1, 2008

The University of California, Riverside is committed to diversity as integral to excellence in higher education. UCR understands that in order to achieve excellence in research and service, it is necessary to cultivate a greater diversity of perspectives and backgrounds among all members of the university community. UCR shares a national concern about the under-representation of African Americans, Chicano/Latinos and American Indians in academic careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

The Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship for Cultivating Diversity in Science, Engineering and Mathematics solicits applications from individuals with a demonstrated commitment to increasing the number of underrepresented ethnic minority faculty members in research institutions. The program is open to individuals with doctoral degrees in Science, Engineering and Math who are committed to careers in academia, and whose teaching, research or service will help UCR address the barriers that prevent full participation of underrepresented minority groups in academic careers in the STEM fields. The program provides funding, research opportunities, and guidance in preparation for academic career advancement.

The fellowship will be for 2 years, with the successful candidate working closely with a faculty member in the Bourns College of Engineering, the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, or the Division of Biomedical Sciences. In addition to the salary and benefits stipulated above, up to $10,000 per year is available for travel to academic conferences, research support, materials and supplies. Renewal for the second year is contingent on satisfactory performance.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents at the time of application, and must have no more than 3 years of postdoctoral experience at a university or other academic institution.

To apply, send two copies of the following: 1) curriculum vitae, 2) statement of proposed research (up to 5 pages, including an explanation of the project, the faculty member(s) who would serve as mentors, and a brief discussion of how the work would build on the applicant’s dissertation research), 3) at least 2 publications or dissertation chapters, 4) three letters of reference, one of which must be from the dissertation advisor, and 5) a brief statement about any of the candidate’s activities that have helped to foster diversity among scientists (e.g., mentoring programs or outreach). In addition, a brief statement from the proposed faculty mentor(s) agreeing to advise the applicant must be provided. Materials should be sent to Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellowship, Offices of the Vice Provosts, Surge Building, University of California, Riverside, CA 92521, and must be postmarked by January 15, 2008. The recipient of the award will be announced in March, 2008.