PROGRAM FEATURES

The President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program provides salaried postdoctoral research appointments for up to two years under the mentorship of a faculty member at one of the ten University of California campuses. Fellowship salaries range between $40–55K per year depending on field of study, and include health benefits, sick leave and paid time off. The program also provides $5,000 per year to support research and professional development, and reimburses travel expenses for presentations given at any UC campus.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PPFP offers a wide variety of professional development and networking opportunities, including a Fall Orientation Meeting, a Spring Academic Retreat and regional luncheons. The spring retreat convenes current and former PPFP fellows and faculty mentors at the UCLA Lake Arrowhead conference center. Fellows present research and receive feedback from their peers, mentors and other UC faculty. The retreat also features seminars on publishing, grant writing, work-life balance, job searches and more. Throughout the year, PPFP sponsors numerous writing workshops, accountability groups, and social gatherings to promote networking within and across disciplinary lines.

For more information, please contact:

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THE PROGRAM

The President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (PPFP) was established in 1984 to encourage outstanding women and minority Ph.D. recipients to pursue academic careers at the University of California (UC). PPFP is closely affiliated with UC Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Programs. Both programs offer mentoring, professional development and eligibility for a hiring incentive to scholars in all fields whose research, teaching, and service have the potential to contribute to diversity and equal opportunity in higher education. Find out MORE at http://ppfp.ucop.edu/info/

PROGRAM CONTRIBUTIONS TO DIVERSITY & EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

PPFP’s contributions may include public service to address the needs of our increasingly diverse society, efforts to advance equitable access to higher education, or research that promotes understanding of inequalities related to race, gender, disability and/or lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) issues.

The program seeks applicants with the potential to bring to their academic careers the critical perspective that comes from their non-traditional educational background or understanding of the experiences of groups historically underrepresented in higher education.

MEET SOME of OUR FELLOWS

“PPFP gave me the freedom to pursue my research without distraction and the opportunity to build new collaborations. My postdoc has provided a platform and vision for my future research program.”

Corey Toler-Franklin
Department of Computer Science
UC Davis

“PPFP has been a catalyst for my career, resulting in several tenure-track opportunities. It placed a spotlight on my research program, leading to award-winning papers, research grants, and collaborations across industry and academia.”

Scott Moura
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, UC San Diego

MEET SOME of OUR FACULTY

“PPFP exposed my multidisciplinary research to many UC departments across multiple disciplines. It was an invaluable professional development opportunity.”

Kimberly TallBear
Assistant Professor of Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy
UC Berkeley

“PPFP provided a wealth of networking opportunities that helped me to obtain a faculty position, as well as the research experience needed to further develop my technical skills. There is no doubt it’s one of the gems of the UC system.”

Rudy Ortiz
Associate Professor, School of Natural Sciences, UC Merced

MORE Fellows & Faculty at http://ppfp.ucop.edu/info/

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

PPFP produces a diverse pool of extremely qualified scholars in a variety of fields who are prepared for faculty careers in higher education. Over 75% of the fellows achieve faculty appointments, and approximately 50% of that group receive tenure-track faculty appointments at UC campuses.

Since 2003, over 100 former PPFP Fellows have accepted faculty appointments at University of California campuses.

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Faculty Successes: New UC faculty from PPFP achieve tenure at a rate of over 95%.

PARTNERSHIPS FOR FACULTY DIVERSITY

UC Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellows are selected through the same rigorous faculty review process and are included in PPFP professional development events, scholarly networks and faculty hiring incentive program. In 2010, PPFP partnered with the University of Michigan to create the University of Michigan President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, which replicates the PPFP model and promotes the exchange of scholars between the regions.

“The President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program has given me the financial resources, mentorship opportunities, and inspiration that will serve to make me a stronger scientist and professor. My faculty mentor—a former PPFP fellow—provided sound guidance on all aspects of my postdoctoral apprenticeship. It’s been a truly transformative experience.”

Kwasi Connor
PPFP Fellow, 2012–2013
Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, UC Irvine

Fall 2012 PPFP Retreat, UCLA Lake Arrowhead Conference Center.