Postdoctoral Fellows - 2 positions
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The Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis seeks applications for two visionary postdoctoral fellows. Nursing fellows will have the unique opportunity to work under the guidance of expert mentors while helping to build the school as a leader in nursing research and education as it prepares to enroll its first class of graduate students in fall 2010, giving these two postdoctoral fellows a unique opportunity to be part of a founding faculty and fellows group. Click here for more details.

The vision for the school is to transform health care through nursing education and research. Graduates of the school will lead the nation in assuring patient safety, improving quality of care and health outcomes, guiding policy decisions, and discovering and sharing knowledge to advance health. A goal of the school is to be a national model for nursing education and to prepare nurses to be leaders in practice, education and research.

One of the primary objectives for the school is to provide a competency-based education program that is anchored by five core attributes: Interprofessional/interdisciplinary education, scholarship and academic excellence, cultural awareness and sensitivity, innovative technology and leadership. The model is designed to provide a comprehensive educational opportunity that couples academic rigor common to both nursing and medicine, with interdisciplinary educational opportunities in basic sciences, humanities, public health, business administration and information technology.

The school is seeking one postdoctoral fellow to work under the mentorship of Associate Vice Chancellor for Nursing and Dean Heather M. Young, R.N., Ph.D., F.A.A.N. This fellow should have a research focus in aging. The second postdoctoral fellow will work under the mentorship of Deborah Ward, R.N., Ph.D., F.A.A.N. in health policy and system change. Dr. Young and Dr. Ward, the school’s founding faculty, are nationally-recognized leaders in policy research and public health. Mentorship opportunities in health informatics are available. Both postdoctoral fellows will be funded through the school’s founding $100 million grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation.

Postdoctoral fellows will enhance their skills as primary investigators, develop leadership skills by working with a multidisciplinary and interprofessional team, establish collaborative and peer networks, and improve writing, dissemination and communication skills. At the same time, their research will help establish the school’s research base and curricula development.

Research Opportunities

UC Davis Health System is an integrated, academic health system maintaining the historic UC Davis tradition of being guided by public service in all its endeavors. The health system has a reputation for encouraging students and faculty to cross over traditional boundaries among departments, divisions and programs, emphasizing teamwork, partnerships and interdisciplinary collaboration. The Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing joins distinguished programs that include:
UC Davis School of Medicine
UC Davis Medical Center
Center for Health and Technology
Clinical and Translational Science Center
Center for Reducing Health Disparities
UC Davis Cancer Center
UC Davis Children’s Hospital

The University of California system has more than 5,000 postdoctoral fellows and is one of the premier research institutions in the world. UC Davis alone has more than 800 postdoctoral scholars in a variety of fields such as medicine, agriculture and microbiology and is ranked 12th in research funding among public universities in the United States. A postdoctoral fellowship at UC Davis provides the opportunity to conduct research among some of the leading scientists and clinicians in the world.

Academic Opportunities

Postdoctoral fellows at the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing will be granted time to devote to writing manuscripts for publication in a supportive environment. UC Davis offers numerous courses for supplemental learning in a variety of departments such as sociology, genetics and philosophy. In addition, the Mentored Clinical Research Training Program, a multidisciplinary program coordinated through the School of Medicine, offers courses such as Methods in Clinical Research, Medical Statistics and Strategies for Grant Writing.

The Office of Graduate Studies at UC Davis has a variety of programs designed to enhance postdoctoral training, including the Professional Development Series, which offers regular seminars and workshops on improving and developing research, leadership and academic skills. These workshops include:

- Writing a Curriculum Vitae
- Writing a Scientific Paper
- Applying for Faculty Positions
- Overcoming Writer's Block
- Grant Writing in the Sciences
- Working with Human Subjects

Leadership Opportunities

Postdoctoral fellows will be encouraged to take an active role in local, national and international societies, such as the Western Institute of Nursing, the American Nurses Association and Sigma Theta Tau, as well as organizations in research areas of interest. The strategic location of the UC Davis Health System in close proximity to the state capital allows for opportunities to work with policy and legislative leaders at both the state and local government levels.

Application Criteria

Postdoctoral fellowships are for two years, beginning Sept. 1, 2009. Postdoctoral fellows will
receive an annual stipend commensurate on experience plus university benefits and support funds for research and travel. Applicants must have a doctorate degree in nursing or another health-related field. Applicants will work with one or two mentors to design the postdoctoral training program to his or her needs. The positions will be open until filled with an application deadline of May 15, 2009. Early application is encouraged and applications will be reviewed as they are received. Interviews will be scheduled in June 2009 with final decisions announced by July 1, 2009. The University of California, Davis, is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer with a strong institutional commitment to the development of a climate that supports equality of opportunity and respect for differences.

To apply, please submit the following:

- A cover letter specifying the applicant’s goals and research projects
- A minimum of three letters of recommendation with the writer’s signature over the back of a sealed envelope
- A current curriculum vitae (CV)

Application materials should be mailed by May 15, 2009 to:

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