

Illinois Distinguished Postdoctoral Research Associate and Visiting Scholars Program

Deadline for submitting applications – June 15, 2017

Departments are invited to apply for funding to support post-doctoral research associate or visiting scholar positions that would enhance campus diversity. Priority will be given to external candidates, preferably identified through a search. The goal is to identify individuals from underrepresented groups or women in traditionally underrepresented STEM areas who are potential candidates for campus positions that would help to diversify the faculty and promote strategic hiring goals. Each Postdoc or Scholar must be assigned a faculty mentor/sponsor. The objective is to provide additional mentoring and support for high-potential candidates with the goal of preparing them for tenure track assistant professor appointments at Illinois. In addition, departments are encouraged to apply for funding through the Target of Opportunity Program (TOP) after successful completion of the post-doc/visiting scholars program by the candidate. An annual review is required after the completion of the first year.

Stipend

- The stipend for the 2017-2018 year is \$47,500 and includes health benefits. Units can provide supplemental funds.
- An additional \$5,000 is provided for the research, travel, and related expenses and units can provide additional funds. Note: the \$5,000 research fund is provided in the first year only.

Guidelines/Eligibility

- The applicant must have obtained his or her Ph.D. prior to July 1, 2017.
- Applicants must demonstrate promise for a tenure track appointment at Illinois.
- Postdocs or Scholars are normally appointed for one year, and can be reappointed for a second year.
- Recipients must be in residence full-time for the duration of the award period.
- Postdocs or Scholars should engage in a balance of research and teaching, as appropriate for tenure track positions in their field of scholarship.

Department sponsors should submit applications for the program in the HireTouch system. If you do not have access to HireTouch, please contact the HR Support in your College and/or Department or contact the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Access (Heidi Johnson at johnso19@illinois.edu or 333-0885).

Department sponsors must submit the following:

- Current curriculum vitae (CV) of the candidate
- A mentoring statement by the sponsor or department outlining a mentoring plan
- Planned activities during the post-doc
- Letter of support from department head indicating that the candidate, after successful completion of the post-doc, would be competitive for a position in the department and would be considered for a position if there is a vacancy
- Reference Letters (3)