Illinois Distinguished Postdoctoral Research Associate and Visiting Scholars Program
Deadline for submitting applications - March 14, 2016

- Funding is available to support up to 2 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 or in the context of a project funded by DRIVE (see RFP http://diversity.illinois.edu/DRIVE.html). The goal is to identify individuals from under-represented 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 Postdocs 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.

Stipend

- The stipend for the 2016-2017 year is $45,000 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.

Guidelines/Eligibility

- The applicant must have obtained his or her Ph.D. prior to July 1, 2016.

- 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 may teach at least one course, at the discretion of the department.

Faculty members should submit requests 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).
Hosting scholars to present research at the Urbana-Champaign campus

Sending faculty to conferences or other scholarly events for the purpose of securing co-sponsoring conferences or other events with academic or professional groups

Establishing short-term departmental scholars in residence programs

Bringing entry-level scholars to campus for workshops that prepare them for their professional futures

Institutionalizing the values of diversity by providing faculty and staff with educational opportunities

If you chose 'Other' in the dropdown above, please state your specific initiative(s) to be supported by the grant:

*Statement of how the grant will advance diversity recruiting goals of the unit and the unit's commitment to diversity:

*Specification of the Faculty member(s) who will be directing the initiative:

*The method for tracking and reporting contact with the prospective scholar(s) within the grant recipient's department, if applicable:

*A detailed breakdown of the expected costs and amount of funding requested:
If you are applying for the Post Doc, please explain how you identified individual:

https://employ.uillinois.edu/admin/jobs/forms/form.cfm?jobFormID=83942&jobID=40294&formID=1280