

California Center for Population Research Junior Faculty Course Release Program

The California Center for Population Research (CCPR) at UCLA is pleased to announce a program for CCPR-affiliated junior faculty members. The program is in conjunction with the successful renewal of our Population Dynamics Research Infrastructure Grant from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). Support for the course releases comes from the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost (EVCP). The program provides one course release for each of two junior faculty affiliates of CCPR for each year of the five-year NICHD grant.

Applications for course releases will be competitively reviewed by a committee appointed by the CCPR Directors. The program is a component of the Center's Development Core headed by Hiram Beltrán-Sánchez. Application instructions and review criteria are below. **The deadline for applications for course releases in academic year 2021-22 is November 2, 2020.**

Eligibility: Applications are open to all CCPR assistant professors tenure-track faculty affiliates who neither will be nor are being considered for tenure in the academic year for which the course release is requested. The release is available only during periods when the person's tenure clock is turned on. Only those who have not previously received a competitive course release through this program are eligible.

To apply:

- 1) Submit a three-page proposal describing the work to be conducted in the time provided by the course release and a one-page plan for mentorship by a senior CCPR faculty affiliate. There is no page limit for reference page.
- 2) Ask a senior CCPR faculty affiliate to be the mentor for the proposed project and have that person send a reference letter to ccpradmin@ccpr.ucla.edu (**same due date, November 2, 2020**). Note that the commitment to mentor the assistant professor on the project applies to both successful and unsuccessful candidates.
- 3) Submit the attached statement signed by the applicant's Department Chair to indicate the Chair's support for the course release and to acknowledge the conditions of the award. These include that financial compensation for the junior faculty member's department is at the administrative course release rate (i.e., less than the full cost of the faculty member's salary for one course). In addition, faculty members who receive a course release through this program must be free of other teaching obligations during the quarter of their course release. Address questions about these requirements to Lucy Shao, Executive Director, CCPR (Lucy@ccpr.ucla.edu).
- 4) If the course release is granted, the faculty member must give a presentation of his/her findings in a weekly CCPR seminar series held on Wednesdays. The presentation has to be scheduled within the next academic year following the end of the course release.

Please note that the same (or similar) research proposal cannot be used for both the course release program and the CCPR seed grant program. If an applicant submits the same proposal to both programs, we will contact the applicant prior to the evaluation so he/she can choose only one of the two programs.

NOTE: All application materials should be sent by email to ccpradmin@ccpr.ucla.edu, with the words "course release" and the candidate's last name in the subject line.

Evaluation criteria will be based on:

- 1) active participation at CCPR (including weekly seminar attendance);
- 2) innovation, creativity, feasibility, and long-term impact of the proposed research project;
- 3) track record of the junior faculty member as seen in unpublished or published thesis or other peer-review papers;
- 4) the demographic significance of the proposed research project; and,
- 5) the strength of the mentorship plan.

Priority will be given to junior faculty members in their second to fourth years at the time of the course release.