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UVM Postdoctoral Associate Program

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The Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) is pleased to announce a new, competitive internal funding program. Open to all tenured and tenure-track faculty in all Colleges, the "UVM Postdoctoral Associate Program" (PAP) will provide the salary and fringe to fund a postdoctoral associate position for up to two years.

This program is spurred by our common desire to increase UVM's productivity and standing in research, scholarship, and the creative arts. The funding awarded will not only foster such productivity, but will also help faculty members budget their time so that they can compete for additional extramural funding to further increase productivity.

This program has been structured to directly address feedback from current, successful UVM faculty that identified better access to postdoctoral associates as one of the single most helpful ways to improve their productivity and success.

The goals of the UVM Postdoctoral Associate Program are:

- To promote innovative research, scholarship, and creative arts projects that will enhance the productivity of faculty.
- To advance research with broad societal, scholarly, and/or creative impact that extends beyond UVM into the community and the world.
- To leverage attainment of these goals to increase extramural funding and hence, further increase productivity.

Faculty applicants should **electronically** provide the following information

to the OVPR's Dan Harvey, at Dan. Harvey@uvm.edu, by February 17, 2020:

- 1. A three-page description of the project that demonstrates a meritorious proposal with a clear-cut rationale for how a postdoctoral associate will help the investigator increase their productivity and success in garnering extramural funding. Two faculty members may apply to jointly share access to a postdoctoral associate in an interdisciplinary endeavor, but this isn't required.
- 2. A list of extramural funding over the preceding 5 years and future relevant funding opportunities that have been identified.
- 3. Append CV's for each faculty member.

<u>Criteria for Selection</u>: An interdisciplinary review panel of faculty from across the University will consider the scholarly merit of the projects, and recommend which projects should be funded. The panel will use a scoring rubric for each application - that includes the following categories: innovation, impact, project reach, budget feasibility, approach, and likelihood of further extramural funding. Cross campus and interdisciplinary collaborations are encouraged.

<u>Funding</u>: Approved proposals will be funded by the OVPR up to \$75,000 per year, including salary and fringe. The funding is to be used to identify and hire a postdoctoral associate to work with the selected faculty partners. There is no other funding available from the OVPR within this program, and any other expenses related to the research will be borne by the faculty teams or their departments/colleges. Up to five positions will be funded.

For more information, please contact Dan Harvey at <u>Dan.Harvey@uvm.edu</u>.

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