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Dear Colleagues,

The Office of the President is pleased to announce the **2020-21 Request for Proposals (RFP) for the UC-HBCU Initiative**. This systemwide initiative is designed to assist UC faculty interested in developing and encouraging efforts to achieve a more inclusive educational environment of excellence. The goal of the UC-HBCU Initiative is to increase the number of scholars from Historically Black Colleges and Universities completing UC academic doctoral programs. UC faculty grants are available to support HBCU students conducting summer research with UC faculty at a UC campus; and also support departmental efforts to facilitate greater faculty collaboration between UC and HBCU institutions, strengthen UC programs and to increase applications from HBCU scholars to UC PhD programs.

This year the Initiative has launched a new, additional, grant category: **Small Research Grants** – Grant awards up to \$50,000 to be used for research projects designed to improve inclusion and the experience of UC-HBCU students generally, and Black students in particular, enrolled in UC PhD programs. Please see the RFP for more information.

Since 2012, UC has hosted over 640 HBCU scholars across nine UC campuses. There are currently 70 PhD students and four master’s students enrolled (nine PhD and twelve master’s students have graduated) across seven UC campuses as a direct result of this Initiative. As you know, building relationships and cultivating greater enrollment of HBCU scholars at UC is a long-term investment.

Please share the information below with faculty on your campus and encourage them to apply.

RFP	Application Instructions & Forms	Additional Resources
2020-21 UC-HBCU Initiative - Call for Proposals (pdf)	2020-21 UC-HBCU Initiative - Application Instructions & Forms	Faculty Applicant Webinar
		Information on HBCUs, including links to lists and contact information
		Frequently Asked Questions (pdf)
		Applicant Tutorial

The Initiative is in direct support of Appointment and Promotion review and appraisal criteria as established in the Academic Personnel Manual:

APM 210 - <https://ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/files/apm/apm-210.pdf>. This effort also supports the Diversity Statement, adopted as policy in 2007, by the UC Regents. Thus, I want to be sure faculty are made aware of this important opportunity. I appreciate your attention and assistance on behalf of this Initiative.

Sincerely,

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Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs