

Exceptional Professional Opportunity for Graduate Students and Recent PhD's in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Math

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Dear Faculty and Staff,

We are delighted to announce that U.C. Berkeley will be participating in a \$4.7 million, three year initiative supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to increase faculty diversity at liberal arts colleges and increase graduate student diversity at U.C. Berkeley. The Creating Connections Consortium (C3) will create new opportunities for U.C. Berkeley's graduate students and recent PhDs, as well as new programs for undergraduates to conduct research at U.C. Berkeley. The goal is to establish a pipeline, broadening the participation of scholars with the potential to bring to their research the creative critical discourse that can emerge from a non-traditional educational background or an understanding of the experiences of groups underrepresented in higher education.

The first phase of the C3 initiative offers undergraduates from largely underrepresented groups at liberal arts colleges and universities the opportunity to conduct summer research at U.C. Berkeley. Presently, eight C3 undergraduates are participating in U.C. Berkeley's Summer Research Opportunity Program.

The second phase of the grant offers two-year postdoctoral fellowships at C3 liberal arts institutions for qualified U.C. Berkeley and Columbia University graduate students and doctoral alumni, providing access to teaching and scholarly opportunities at some of the most prestigious liberal arts colleges in the nation.¹ A total of twelve postdoctoral fellows (six from

¹ Participating C3 liberal arts institutions include Allegheny College, Amherst College, Bates College, Bucknell University, Colgate University (pending), Connecticut College, Dartmouth College, Dickinson College, Grinnell College, Hamilton College, Hampshire College, Lafayette College, Middlebury College, Mt. Holyoke College, Oberlin (pending), Providence College, Reed College, Sarah Lawrence College, Smith College, St. Olaf College, Swarthmore College (pending), Trinity College, Union College, Wellesley College, Wesleyan University and Williams College

Columbia University and six from U.C. Berkeley) will be selected for the first two years. A third R1 partner will be identified and added in year three, at which time four postdoctoral fellows will be selected from each of the three R1 institutions. Each fellow will join a cohort at a specific college and receive mentorship, guidance, generous stipends, benefits and travel funds.² During the first year of the grant, Connecticut, Middlebury, and Williams Colleges will offer the postdoctoral fellowships, and those schools will also host scholarly presentations by graduate students at a spring conference. In the following two years, the full consortium of liberal arts colleges and universities will participate as potential hosts for both the postdoctoral positions and graduate student presentations. In addition to the C3 postdoctoral fellowships, U.C. Berkeley graduate students and doctoral alumni are encouraged to apply broadly to other dissertation and postdoctoral fellowships and to teaching positions offered within the C3 colleges and universities.

UC Berkeley has been asked to identify potentially interested and eligible graduate students and doctoral alumni for the postdoctoral fellowships in fields designated by the Mellon Foundation (see the criteria below for the list). Please note that alumni currently employed in tenure-track faculty positions are not eligible for C3 postdoctoral fellowships. In the first year of the C3 postdoctoral fellowship certain fields are of particular interest. Please see the list in the footnote.³ Criteria for the postdoctoral fellowships are as follows:

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident in the U.S.
- Doctoral student or recently completed Ph.D. in a Mellon designated field:
anthropology, archeology, area/cultural/ethnic/gender studies, art history, classics,

² Salary and benefits include a stipend of \$50,000/year for two years, a one-time research allowance of \$10,000, and a travel allowance of \$3,000/year for two years.

³ Anthropology, Africana Studies, American Studies, Anthropology, , Art History, Classics, Comparative Literature, Dance, East Asian Languages and Cultures/Korean, English and American Literature, Environmental Studies, Film & Media Studies, Gender and Women's Studies, Geography, History, Human Development/Health disparities/Sociology, Japanese studies, Languages/Asian Studies, Latino/a Studies, Linguistics, Mathematics, Philosophy, Political Science (political theory only), Religion, Sociology, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

geography and population studies, environmental studies (if work is grounded in theory and/or a humanistic social science), English, film, cinema and media studies (with a theoretical focus only), foreign languages and literatures, history, linguistics, literature, math, theater (with a theoretical focus only), philosophy, political theory (but not political science generally), religion and theology, sociology, theater (with a theoretical focus only), interdisciplinary studies (these may be eligible if they have one or more Mellon fields at their core).

- On track to complete the doctoral degree in 2013-2014 or, for alumni, completion of the doctoral degree during the previous two academic years (2011-2012 or 2012-2013). Rare exceptions in specific fields may be extended beyond this time period to alumni who completed their doctoral degrees from 2008 to 2010. Contact Associate Dean Susan Schweik at sschweik@berkeley.edu for more information regarding these exceptions.
- Demonstrated understanding of the barriers facing women and domestic minorities in higher education careers, as evidenced by life experiences and educational background; demonstrated potential to bring to research the creative critical discourse that comes from a non-traditional educational background or an understanding of the experiences of groups underrepresented in higher education; research interests in subjects that will contribute to diversity and equal opportunity in higher education (for example, artistic expression and cultural production that voices not well represented in the arts and humanities or social sciences).

We are currently assembling a list of interested students who may qualify for this postdoctoral fellowship opportunity, and we need your assistance. You will receive separately a list of potential applicants that your divisional diversity director has initially identified to be included in this initial outreach. Please send the attached C3 announcement, the C3 flyer, and the C3 contact form in a separate message to the graduate students whom you believe meet the eligibility requirements. Please ask that students submit their names, doctoral statuses, doctoral department/programs, dissertation titles, general areas of expertise, contact

information, and a brief paragraph stating research interest. We ask that your list, along with the research paragraphs, be submitted in Excel format on the attached form, by Wednesday, July 31, 2013 to your corresponding diversity director: Josephine Moreno (morenojm@berkeley.edu) for Arts & Humanities, Gloria Chun (gchun@berkeley.edu) for the Social Sciences, and Colette Patt (colette@berkeley.edu) for Math.

Please keep in mind that in order to share student data with C3 partners we must ask graduate students and alumni for permission to do so; thus their responses are required if we are to proceed any further with passing on their preliminary information to the C3 colleges. We anticipate that graduate students and alumni who indicate interest will be encouraged to apply; applicants will not be limited, however, to this compiled list of interested parties. Early in the fall 2013 semester a link to the C3 online application will be available and announced broadly. To be fully considered for a C3 postdoctoral fellowship, a completed application must be submitted by a prospective candidate. The C3 postdoctoral fellowships will begin in the fall of 2014.

Please let me know if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carla A. Hesse".

Carla A. Hesse

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