

TRANS-DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Purpose

The goal of the Trans-disciplinary Research Leadership Program is to provide an academic year-long trans-disciplinary team research leadership development training for an elite group of promising, future leaders. The focus will be on practical mentoring and collaborative research project development across disciplines with an actionable deliverable at the end of the year to begin or expand collaborative research.

Eligibility

While this program is targeted for mid-career to early senior faculty (late Associate - early Full), all qualified faculty at all levels will be considered. The faculty must have demonstrated successful trans-disciplinary research accomplishments or interest and potential to be successful in this area.

Application Requirements

The applicant must submit the following in a **single pdf file**:

1. The Trans-disciplinary Research Leadership Program Certification Cover Page which includes the resource/course release plan signed by the Dean and Unit/Department Head
2. A personal statement of 800 to 1200 words including examples or vision of trans-disciplinary work
3. A letter of support from the Unit/Department Head including:
 - a. Demonstrated transdisciplinary record or potential
 - b. Leadership potential
4. Name and contact information of three references (colleagues, collaborators, etc.) who can comment on applicant's suitability and/or potential for this program
5. Current curriculum vitae

Terms of Participation

- Scholars who are chosen to participate in the Trans-disciplinary Research Leadership Program agree to work with a group of up to 6 Scholars and up to 2 Distinguished Mentors in order to be trained as leaders in trans-disciplinary team research and identify team-based, fundable projects.
 - Commit to 5 hours per week for program work during 2 consecutive semesters - Fall through Spring (2 hours of hard (contact/meeting) time and 3 hours of soft (individual work) time).
 - Participate in at least 2 intensive (2-4 hours) leadership training workshops.
- Team-building will begin (based on team member availability) in the summer prior to the formal kick-off in August to introduce scholars to each other and the mentors.
- There will be a half-day kickoff retreat in August 2020 to establish expectations and initiate the mentoring process to build leadership and collaboration skills.
- During the program the trainees will brainstorm to identify possible projects related to the theme. They will learn how to create a team to work on the project (fulfilling unique and synergistic roles) as well as how to draft a proposal – including a formal budget. Then the group will work as a team to actualize the proposed project(s) previously identified.
- Deliverables include: project update reports/presentations, an itemized budget presented in a justification meeting, and the final project presentation.
- Scholars and mentors will engage in evaluation data collection activities to assess progress toward program goals.

Deadline for application: October 31, 2019. Applicants will be notified by December 13, 2019, regarding the status of their application. Applications and questions should be submitted to: heather.geers@uc.edu.

Trans-disciplinary Research Leadership Program

Certification Cover Page

Name of Applicant: _____

Checklist:

- Personal Statement
- Letter of Support from Unit/Department Head that describes:
 1. the applicant's record and/or potential in transdisciplinary research
 2. the applicant's leadership potential
- Names and contact information of 3 references
- Current curriculum vitae

Resource/Course Release Agreement:

By signing below, I agree to provide a three-hour course release per semester for two consecutive semesters (six-hour course release total) beginning in Fall 2020 and continuing through Spring 2021 so that *[faculty name and rank]* may commit the needed time to this project. This course release is equivalent to *[x%]* FTE per semester and *[faculty name]* is expected to dedicate this full amount of time to this project.

Unit/Department Head Signature

Date

Dean Signature

Date

Note: Multiple applications from individual departments/colleges are permitted, although the selection will be limited to up to two participants per college.