


Date: September 24, 2015
To: CSU Presidents
From: Lori Lamb 
Vice Chancellor
Human Resources
Subject: 2016/2017 CSU Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP)

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to forward information about the Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP). This program provides an excellent opportunity to support students and faculty on your campuses who desire to pursue a doctoral degree and teach in the CSU. It is an excellent way to recruit and retain outstanding faculty who can even more effectively serve our students. I am very proud that we have one of the largest programs of this nature in the country.

The Chancellor's Office administers this program on your behalf. We hope that you will support your CDIP Coordinators in publicizing the opportunity to faculty and setting up the necessary review process. Ultimately, we will appreciate receiving your participant nominations by **March 11, 2016**.

The HR memorandum that will be distributed to your CDIP Coordinators is attached ([HR2015-12](#)) and contains details about the program for those of you who may not be as familiar.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards,

Lori

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Summary:

The California State University is seeking nominations for the 2016/2017 Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program. Nominations are due to the Chancellor's Office by **March 11, 2016**.

CDIP Coordinators should read the remainder of this HR letter.

Action Item(s):

CSU Presidents: Send nominations to the Office of the Chancellor by March 11, 2016.

CDIP Coordinators: Distribute materials, publicize program, establish campus deadline for acceptance of applications. Solicit full-time, tenure-track faculty members to serve as advisors to qualified applicants. Organize a campus committee to review applications and make recommendations to the president.

Affected Employees Group/Units:

N/A

Details:

The California State University is seeking applicants for the 2016/2017 Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program. The following is an overview of the program followed by the procedure, timetable and criteria for selecting participants in this year's cycle.

The CSU Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program is the largest program of its kind in the nation. The purpose of the program is to increase the number of individuals who complete the doctorate and who may be interested in potentially applying and competing for future CSU instructional faculty positions. The program seeks to accomplish this goal by providing financial aid in the form of loans to doctoral students with the motivation, skills, and experience needed to teach the diverse student population of the CSU. As of June 2015, it has loaned some \$47 million to 2,050 doctoral students who have attended nearly 200 universities throughout the nation; 1,245 of these recipients have successfully earned doctoral degrees to date. Funding for the program is contingent upon budget approval by the Board of Trustees from 2016/2017 Lottery Revenue funds.

Applicants in all fields where CSU campuses employ faculty are eligible for admission to the program regardless of gender or ethnicity. The program gives primary consideration to candidates in fields where CSU campuses anticipate the greatest difficulty in filling potential future instructional faculty positions.

Program Features

This program is open to applicants who will be new or continuing full-time students in doctoral programs at accredited universities anywhere in the United States. Individuals who are selected to participate in the program may borrow up to \$10,000 annually to a limit of \$30,000 over a five-year period while enrolled in full-time doctoral study. There is no means test for eligibility, and students may receive other income from fellowships, assistantships, grants, loans, or employment.

Applicants are not required to have attended the CSU or to have been accepted in a doctoral program at the time of their application. Employment in California State University is also not required. However, the CSU has agreed with the California Faculty Association that at least 25% of awards should be offered to qualified individuals who have served in bargaining Unit 3 positions within the two-year period prior to the award date.

In addition, all applicants to the program must have a CSU Faculty Mentor. The purpose of this mentorship relationship is to support the student in his/her doctoral program and to help the student understand the workings of higher education institutions and the faculty labor market specific to particular disciplines. It is recommended that the Faculty Mentor and student be in the same discipline, but it is not required. It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain a Faculty Mentor. As part of the application process, the applicant and Faculty Mentor jointly develop a Collaborative Plan of Support. The Plan describes how the applicant and mentor intend to maintain communication as well as a program of activities planned that will support the student through his/her doctoral studies. Faculty Mentors receive no additional compensation or assigned time for their services. Acceptance into the program does not guarantee future CSU employment for the student.

The loan is payable over a period of 15 years, and the interest rate for funds borrowed is 5%. The repayment period begins after completion of the doctorate, or 6 months after withdrawal from doctoral study. The annual interest rate accrues only from the beginning of the repayment period.

If a participant applies for and is hired in a CSU full-time instructional faculty position after completion of his or her doctorate, the loan will be canceled at a rate of 20 percent of the original loan amount, plus interest, for each year of full-time teaching in the CSU. Amounts canceled or "forgiven," including foregone interest, are reported as income accrued, and federal income and Social Security taxes are withheld on those amounts.

Program Procedures

Program information cards and posters are being sent to campus CDIP Coordinators. Campus coordinators are asked to perform the following tasks:

1. Distribute materials and publicize the program to potential qualified applicants. Establish the campus deadline for acceptance of applications. Note that for 2016/2017, the application is available online at www.calstate.edu/hr/cdip. Hard copies of the application are no longer distributed to campuses.
2. Solicit full-time, tenure-track faculty members to serve as mentors to qualified applicants.
3. Attempt to match potential applicants who do not yet have a Faculty Mentor with faculty in the appropriate academic discipline.
4. Take the lead in organizing an appropriate campus committee to review applications and to recommend to the president the nominations that will be submitted to the Office of the Chancellor.

The applications of all campus nominees will be considered by a systemwide selection committee, which will be composed of CSU faculty, campus administrators and Chancellor's Office administrators. In spring 2015, the systemwide selection committee reviewed 50 applications forwarded by the campuses from which it made 36 selections. It is anticipated that a similar number of applicants may be selected for support in the 2016/2017 program year.

Two criteria are used to make selections to the program:

1. Potential as a doctoral student and interest in teaching a diverse student population. Considerations include:
 - a. The applicant's academic record and professional qualifications.
 - b. The quality of the proposed doctoral program.
 - c. The applicant's relevant background, experience, skills, and motivation needed to educate the diverse student body in the CSU. These experiences and characteristics may include experience working with persons with a wide range of backgrounds and perspectives, research interests related to educating an increasingly diverse student body, and experience in a variety of cultural environments.
 - d. A Collaborative Plan of Support prepared by a CSU tenure-track faculty member(s) and the applicant describing their plan to maintain communication, enhance the student's academic experience, and provide professional mentoring and networking opportunities. The Collaborative Plan of Support may include academic support, joint professional development, networking activities, and other similar activities.
2. Academic Discipline: Primary consideration will be given to candidates whose proposed area of study falls where CSU campuses anticipate the greatest difficulty in filling potential future instructional faculty positions. Information from a variety of sources may be considered when evaluating this criterion. One relevant source is the CSU Report on Faculty Recruitment Survey, which presents recent information on the number of tenure track searches and appointments in various disciplines throughout the CSU system. This report is available at the following web site: www.calstate.edu/HR/apindex.shtml.

Program Calendar

September 2015	Information cards and posters are shipped to CDIP Campus Coordinators
March 11, 2016	Campus nominations/applications due at the Chancellor's Office
April 2016	Tentative meeting date of Systemwide Selection Committee
May 2016	Announcement of 2016/2017 CDIP selections

Any concerns or questions about the Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program should be directed to Margaret Merryfield, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Academic Human Resources at 562-951-4503 or at mmerryfield@calstate.edu or Chi-Ah Chun, Faculty Director, Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program at 562-951-4472 or at cchun@calstate.edu.

This HR memorandum is available on the Systemwide Human Resources web site at:
<http://www.calstate.edu/HRAdm/memos.shtml>.

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