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ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

Re: Call for Applications, 2013-14 Hellman Faculty Fellows Program

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce the first year of the Hellman Family Faculty Fellows Program at the University of California, Irvine. The program was established through a generous gift from the Hellman Family Faculty Fund of the Hellman Family Foundation, to provide financial support for the research of promising assistant professors. The Hellman Fellows program is active at 13 institutions, including ten UC campuses.

The Hellman Fellowship aims to assist promising junior faculty at this critical career juncture. Awards will be limited to assistant professors in eligible schools, who have served two or more years, but have not yet begun tenure review. A total of $250,000 will be available for the 2013-14 Program.

Awards will vary in amount, with a maximum award not exceeding $50,000. Awards are made without regard to the apparent timeliness or popularity of the field of study; preference will be given to research not substantially supported by other sources. Previous recipients of Hellman funds may apply, but first-time applicants will be given priority.

Awards may be used for any research-related expenses, such as research assistants, equipment, or travel. Funds may also be used for no more than one-ninth of summer research support. All funds should be spent in one year, but extensions may be granted on a case-by-case basis. Recipients must exhaust their funding before they come under tenure review. All expenditures must relate to the project proposed in the Hellman application.

Applications should be brief, and written with the understanding that they will be reviewed by a panel of faculty that may not include specialists in the Applicant’s field of study. Applications and supporting materials must be submitted for Department Chair review by no later than Tuesday, April 30. Funds awarded will be available as early as July 1, 2013. An application form, including background information, submission requirements, and deadlines is attached to this announcement. This information is also available on the Academic Personnel web site at http://www.ap.uci.edu/programs/hellman/index.html.

In selecting this year’s Hellman Fellows, I will seek the counsel of a diverse body of tenured faculty from eligible schools. For additional questions about the Hellman Program, please visit the Hellman Fellows web site at www.hellmanfellows.org. You may also contact Stella Marks, Director, Faculty Relations and Development in the Office of Academic Personnel at campus extension 40423.

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cc: Academic Department Deans, Assistant Deans, Department Chairs, and CPOs