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1. APS Message about NSF Broader Impact

Dear Colleagues,
You may have recently received an email (forwarded by me) that suggested that the National Science Board Task Force on Merit Review is considering removing the "Broader Impacts" criteria that is required for NSF projects. The Executive Secretary has responded to this email and says, "The Task Force is interested in getting the perspectives of the community in the strengths and weaknesses of the criteria as they are currently described, any suggestions for changes, and what the role of the institution should/could be in facilitating the PI’s activities under both criteria." She does not suggest that the Broader Impacts criteria will be eliminated.

The NSB would like to receive your feedback on the criteria, however, at http://www.nsf.gov/funding/meritreviewform.cfm and the deadline is March 15, 2011.

Thank you,

Arlene Knowles

2. 2-week trip to Europe to study developments in renewable energy, George Mason U

Dear Physics Colleague,

Would you be so kind as to call your student's attention to this very unusual & exciting opportunity?

A 2+ week trip to Europe this summer to vist and study their developments in renewable energy.

I am leading this trip which is sponsored by the George Mason U Center for Global Education and it is described here:
There are no prerequisites, and the trip does give students 3 elective credits in physics. Thanks.

Bob Ehrlich
George Mason University

3. JSA/Jefferson Lab Distinguished Theory Student Fellowship

Jefferson Lab and Jefferson Science Associates, LLC, are pleased to announce the JSA/JLab Distinguished Theory Student Fellowship, a program creating a new generation of theoretical physicists.

Students in the final year of their undergraduate degree programs are invited to apply for the two-year fellowship, which will be based at the US Department of Energy's Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility in Newport News, Virginia.

The fellowship recipient will be a full member of Jefferson Lab's Theory Center and will be enrolled at Hampton University, Old Dominion University or The College of William and Mary, where he or she will obtain a PhD. In addition to a stipend and tuition, the fellowship provides a supplement of $3,000 per annum, an annual travel allowance of $2,000, and a grant in the first year of $2,000 for a computer, books and supplies. At the end of the fellowship, the recipient will be supported by Jefferson Lab, provided he or she pursues a program of research of interest to Jefferson Lab's Theory Center.

Applications, which must include an academic transcript, three letters of recommendation, and a one-page description of interest in Jefferson Lab's program, should be submitted by 15th February, 2011 to
Search Committee
JSA/JLab Distinguished Theory Student Fellowship
Jefferson Lab 12000 Jefferson Avenue, Suite #1
Newport News, VA 23606 USA

Additional details about the fellowship, the application procedure and Jefferson Lab can be found at
http://www.jlab.org/div_dept/theory/studentship.html

The poster can be downloaded at

This project is supported by the JSA Initiatives Fund Program, a $0.5 Million annual commitment from the JSA owners, SURA and CSC/ATG, to support programs, initiatives and activities that further the scientific outreach, and promote the science, education and technology missions of Jefferson Lab and benefit the Lab user community.
4. LATIN AMERICAN SCHOOL OF HUMAN AND MEDICAL GENETICS APRIL 10-16, 2011
CAXIAS DO SUL – RS - BRAZIL
(Promoted by RELAGH - Latin American Network of Human Genetics and IGPT - Genetics for All Institute)

The VII Course of the Latin American School of Human and Medical Genetics (ELAG) will be held on April 10-16, 2011. The venue will be Hotel Samuara, located inside a natural park 100 km far from Porto Alegre. This intensive course will have 18 lectures, 6 short-courses, 2 discussions, 1 debate and 1 workshop, addressing the most important topics related to genetics and genomics. It is addressed to postgraduate students, young investigators and professionals interested on the new applications of genetics to the health sciences.

This year we will offer 70 seats to all Latin American countries, and all selected students will have the expenses with accommodation, meals and transfer airport-hotel-airport covered by the organizers. A contribution of US$ 300 will be requested from each student to cover part of the operational costs of the course. The course will be addressed by a faculty of 30 top-rank investigators from Latin America, North America and Europe. A social program was planned to enhance interaction among faculty and students and to promote international partnership. For registration and fellowship application, please access the webpage www.igpt.org.br (registration will open on January 21, 2011).

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIPS IS FEBRUARY 21, 2011

Further information can be obtained by sending an email to elag@igpt.org.br, elag@ufrgs.br or prisccorrea@hcpa.ufrgs.br

5. Dean, College of Science and Mathematics, California State University San Marcos

California State University San Marcos seeks an innovative and engaged leader to work with faculty, staff, and administration to launch a newly organized College of Science and Mathematics. The new college builds upon the success and accomplishments of the university’s College of Arts and Sciences, which was established in 1991 as a "scholarly community committed to providing comprehensive, high quality education for students in a rapidly changing world." The new dean will be expected to provide leadership that enhances the
university's:
* reputation for providing a supportive teaching and learning environment
* commitment to diversity
* belief that the generation of knowledge through research and creative activity is integral to the instructional mission
* emphasis on disciplinary and interdisciplinary instruction that employs new technologies and integrates ideas across intellectual boundaries.
* collaborative relationships with regional, state, and global communities.

When it begins operation in Fall 2011, the College of Science and Mathematics will include approximately 55 tenure-track and 52 part-time and full-time temporary faculty in 5 departments (Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Computer Science and Information Systems, Mathematics, and Physics) as well as an interdisciplinary program in biotechnology. The college will offer both bachelor's and master's degrees and contribute to the general education of CSUSM's student body.

Responsibilities:
* Oversee the effective management of the College, including the allocation and oversight of human, fiscal, and physical resources.
* Lead the development and articulation of the vision for this newly formed College.
* Work across units to ensure effective organizational and cultural transition.
* Promote and ensure student learning and success in undergraduate and graduate programs.
* Advocate for the College in securing human, fiscal and physical resources.
* Foster programmatic and enrollment growth in the College.
* Ensure integrity of academic programs through oversight of program review and outcomes assessment processes.
* Support innovative teaching and learning models.
* Oversee faculty and staff recruitment and evaluation and ensure appropriate mentoring of faculty and their performance.
* Promote faculty scholarship, creative activity, and community engagement.
* Supervise and mentor associate deans and department chairs.
* Promote and practice shared governance.
* Foster partnerships with regional business, civic, and academic communities, and provide leadership in external relations including the pursuit of funding and grant support.
* Work collaboratively with the Office of Graduate Studies and Research (OGSR) to identify and pursue external grant funding opportunities.
* Work collaboratively with University Advancement staff and Community Engagement staff to pursue external fundraising opportunities at the local, state, and national level and to develop and maintain engaged fundraising and advisory councils.
* Work with faculty and staff to identify and prioritize external funding opportunities.
* Collaborate with the university community to develop cross-unit programming that serves student needs.
* Ensure the College's positive presence on the campus, within the California State University system and the higher education community.

Qualifications:
To be considered for the position, a candidate should be able to demonstrate:
* Proven leadership with at least five years of progressively responsible administrative experience.
* Accomplishments in higher education administration commensurate with the responsibilities outlined above.
* Ability to work collaboratively with faculty, staff, students, and other administrators to set and accomplish strategic goals and to cultivate a collegial environment.
* Ability and interest to engage in outreach, fundraising, and partnership development.
* Dedication to student learning and academic excellence.
* Experience supporting undergraduate and graduate programs.
* An understanding of the core issues and values of the disciplines and interdisciplinary areas represented within the college and an ability to work across colleges and schools to develop programmatic partners.
* Experience working with diverse populations of students, faculty and staff.
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* A record of teaching and scholarship meriting appointment as a full professor in one of the disciplines in the College.

Successful candidate for this position will be offered the position contingent on a satisfactory criminal background check.

**Application Process**
Applications include a current CV, cover letter addressing the qualifications of the position and contact information of three references. The position will remain open until filled; however, for best consideration, applications should be received by March 20, 2011 and be sent to the following:

Sharon Tanabe, Partner
stsearch@storbeckpimentel.com
In the subject line please refer to: CSUSM COSM
Storbeck/Pimentel & Associates
1111 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 106
Monterey Park, CA 91754
For a confidential inquiry or nomination, please contact Ms. Tanabe at (323) 260-5045.

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6. Departmental Chair, Idaho State University

Idaho State University College of Science and Engineering is announcing an open departmental chair position. Please see attached for details.
-Dan Dale

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