Provost Andrew Comrie has committed funds to help departments underwrite half the costs of campus visits for faculty, including doctoral candidates and postdocs who are promising candidates for the Strategic Priorities Faculty Initiative (SPFI). For more information, visit the Office of Diversity and Inclusive Excellence website: http://diversity.arizona.edu/strategic-priorities-faculty-initiative

The following criteria will be used to review requests to help fund campus visits. Candidates must have demonstrated potential and/or experience advancing UA’s distinctiveness in equal opportunity, diversity, and inclusion within higher education in order to:

1) foster new and creative ways of engaging 100% of diverse student body in a universally experienced high quality real-world education, producing highly capable graduates who meet our state’s critical workforce needs,

2) develop new approaches to discoveries and cutting-edge interdisciplinary research/creative experiences, applying them to benefit our diverse local communities and to solve complex global problems, and

3) expand community and business partnerships, including those involving traditionally underserved groups.

For a complete list of criteria, please refer to the SPFI Application Guidelines 2017-2018. Also, preference will be given to the priorities for strategic investment that is listed in the Provost’s call for SPFI hiring proposals: http://diversity.arizona.edu/strategic-priorities-faculty-initiative

Applications for funding for campus visits may be submitted in the first three months of each semester during the regular academic year following these procedures:

1. By the 15th of the month, email the following materials to Asya Roberts (asya@email.arizona.edu) with a CC to Vice Provost Tom Miller (tpm@email.arizona.edu) and Vice Provost and Senior Diversity Officer Jesús Treviño (jesustrevino@email.arizona.edu):
   • the candidate’s curriculum vitae,
   • a memo with signatures of the head and dean outlining how the candidate will contribute to departmental and interdisciplinary hiring priorities, including those of the SPFI program, and
   • a budget sheet with specific costs.

If approved, funding will be provided to cover half of the total designated costs for airfare, hotel, expenses, and honoraria according to the budget sheet submitted. The support funding commitment for the expenses may not exceed $1,500.

2. Upon approval, have your business manager contact Nina Bates at 621-7766 or ninaari@email.arizona.edu to arrange the transfer of funds within the fiscal year.

3. Candidates brought to campus for a visit should meet with Dr. Jesús Treviño, Vice Provost for Inclusive Excellence and Senior Diversity Officer. Please arrange an appointment prior to the visit by contacting Dr. Treviño’s assistant Georgine Speranzo, georgine@email.arizona.edu. Also, please include the meeting with Dr. Treviño on the campus visit agenda.

If you have questions on the application procedures, email Asya Roberts at asya@email.arizona.edu. If you have questions on who might be appropriate candidates for this funding or related aspects of the program, please contact Vice Provost and Senior Diversity Officer Jesús Treviño at jesustrevino@email.arizona.edu or Vice Provost Tom Miller at tpm@email.arizona.edu or 626-0202.