Haitian Scholar Mentorship – Request for Information

Audience: All UC System Faculty, Lecturers, Administrators

Background
The UC Haiti Initiative (UCHI) is a global partnership for higher education that connects students, faculty, administrators and alumni from the University of California and the State University of Haiti (UEH) to create educational, research and public service partnerships towards the development of Haiti.

The UEH is the oldest and largest institution of higher learning in Haiti, training professionals and leaders in all sectors. It is the only public university in the country, charging its students no tuition and very minimal fees. The earthquake of 12 January 2010 destroyed 90% of UEH’s physical infrastructure and took a tremendous toll on its human resources. It also killed a staggering 20% of Haiti’s skilled professionals, thus challenging the UEH leadership to quickly rebuild to respond to the nation’s acute needs. UEH’s mission to train the country’s next generation of professionals and leaders is now more critical than ever.

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1) Formal Degree Program Mentorship
The UEH is training 110 new full-time professors by 2027; this would effectively double its core teaching faculty. We are seeking interested UC professors from any field who can formally mentor Haitian scholars through masters and doctoral degree programs; these scholars will make a commitment to a career in public university instruction. While we expect to follow ALL formal legal and standard admissions process, we are seeking UC faculty who can work directly with these scholars pre-application and throughout their degree programs. These scholars will ideally work on thesis and dissertations directly applicable to Haiti and can be a platform for continuing research collaborations upon their return.

For every year each Haitian scholar studies at a UC, he/she must honor a contract to teach at UEH. The base sequence for each scholar will be: 2 years Masters at UC/UEH (if field research is applicable) + 2 years teaching at UEH 3-5 years Doctoral Degree at UC/UEH (if field research is applicable) + 3-5 years teaching at UEH.

Financing: As there is currently no external funding available, we are asking for faculty support in competing for and acquiring grants from public and private sector sources. The UEH is committing to raising funds from the Government of Haiti to support cost of living for each scholar.

2) Sabbatical/Specialized Research, Practice, Clinical Mentorship
The need for faculty training and retention at UEH is immense. Less than 100 are full-time professors and many of them are in administrative positions as well.

This structure is more flexible and informal than a degree program but should afford a more advanced level Haitian scholar a visiting professorship appointment at a UC campus. He/she would then work with a UC faculty member on specific research project(s), which can be a platform for further research collaborations, and or attain practical and/or clinical skills.

Depending on the field, this type of mentorship can vary in length of time and geographic focus.

A. More research-focused mentorships will likely require a Haitian scholar to spend more time at UC.
For example, a young UEH professor is chosen by his/her peers to be the renewable energy expert; it would be more valuable for the Haitian scholar to conduct research in a laboratory setting at a UC campus.

B. For skill-building (ex. Clinical)-focused mentorships, the scholar might need to spend more time in Haiti.
For example, a recent graduate from a medical residency program seeks to become to a specialized clinician-educator; he/she will make short visits to UC medical centers but spend the bulk of the training period in Haiti to treat Haitian patients, developing new clinical algorithms that apply to the Haitian reality.
Both schemes will be suitable platforms for further research collaborations and infrastructural, human capacity building projects in the future.

**Finance:** There is no external funding currently available for this although there are promising sources from public sector/international development agencies. The critical next step is to identify interested parties from both sides.

**Contact Information**

If you are interested, please send an email to facultytraining@ucchaiti.org. Our coordinating group will respond with further information requests. We can also take phone calls for more thorough question and answer; the Task Force coordinator is **Tu Tran** +1.916.203.1031.

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