Position Announcement:
Director, The University Writing Program,
University of California, Davis
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The University of California, Davis, seeks to hire a full professor to direct the University Writing Program, an independent academic program. The successful candidate will be appointed as Clark Kerr Presidential Chair of the University Writing Program with an academic appointment in an appropriate discipline. We are seeking a candidate with successful administrative experience in a composition or writing program, preferably in a large public university, and with a national reputation in Composition and Rhetoric Studies. Ability to work with faculty in a large range of science, social science, and humanities disciplines desirable, as well as experience with assessment projects. Proven grant-writing ability is also desirable.

The Program presently oversees the lower-division composition requirement that can be satisfied in three different departments (English, Comparative Literature, and Native American Studies). In addition to an upper-division composition course, the program also offers a series of courses specifically tailored to disciplines and to professions that satisfy the upper-division writing requirement. Besides these academic courses, the University Writing Program trains graduate students in writing intensive courses as well as in all courses where the composition requirement can be satisfied. Presently offering a Workshop program to strengthen the teaching of writing-in-the-disciplines, the program expects to develop a fully functioning writing across disciplines curriculum.

The successful candidate should have the necessary skills and experience to oversee the design of a writing across disciplines program, develop a comprehensive pedagogy and training program for graduate students and postdoctoral lecturers who teach writing, oversee an assessment project of the writing in the program, develop a PhD minor or designated emphasis in Composition and Rhetoric, work creatively with a professional staff of continuing and
year-to-year lecturers who teach in the program, and represent the program in grant-writing and other outreach activities.

With a $3,000,000 budget, the Program offers approximately four hundred courses per year (for four quarters) and serves approximately nine thousand students annually. The director supervises a group of continuing lecturers, who primarily teach the upper-division courses, postdoctoral lecturers, and graduate students. Team-building of this large and diverse teaching staff is central to the job of the director. For information about the program, see http://writingprogram.ucdavis.edu

Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, select publications, and the names and addresses of at least three professional references to

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The position will be open until filled but, to receive full consideration, applications should be received by October 15, 2004.

The University of California, Davis, is interested in candidates who are committed to the highest standard of scholarship and professional activities, and to the development of a campus climate that supports equality and diversity. The University of California is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer.