**IRACDA – Letter by prospective research mentor**

**About the program**

This IRACDA program is a partnership between the University of California at Santa Cruz (UCSC) and California State University at Monterey Bay (CSUMB).

Postdocs will focus on

- **Biomedical Research** (75% time commitment) with a focus on Stem Cells in the laboratory of a research mentor at UCSC, and on
- **Teaching and Mentoring training and practice** (25% time commitment), predominantly with a teaching mentor at CSUMB

The goal of this 4-year program is to prepare postdocs for a successful career in academia by providing trainees with rigorous research skills and with teaching and mentoring skills that promote inclusive learning environments. Please see the program website for more details.

Individual Development Plans (IDPs) and quarterly meetings with UCSC and CSUMB mentors will contribute to purposeful planning of career development.

**Letter request (prospective research mentor) – 2 pages or less**

Please include the following:

- Why do you expect the candidate to be successful in your research lab?
- Why do you think the candidate is a good fit for the IRACA program?
- What is your mentoring plan for this candidate during the 4-year program duration? (Please include if you have received past mentoring training and what training you plan to attend for the biennial training updates). If you are a junior investigator (assistant professor), please identify a senior UCSC co-mentor who is willing to assist you in mentoring the postdoc.
- Please indicate how you will you support the 1st year of the candidate’s postdoc year and research supplies for the subsequent 3 years (beyond the $5000/year program allowance)

**Thank you.**

Submit your letter to:

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