The University of California, Santa Cruz seeks a dynamic Senate faculty leader to guide its emerging Center for Innovations in Teaching and Learning (CITL). This three year initial appointment focuses on providing academic leadership, garnering resources, and enhancing an innovative vision for teaching and learning by faculty and other instructional members of the campus community. A strong candidate would have a clear commitment to teaching, in the service of student learning.

The Faculty Director will work, in consultation with the UCSC Academic Senate’s Committee on Teaching, to articulate and communicate a vision for the Center; develop strategic plans; promote policies and programming that bring quality teaching and learning to the forefront of the campus consciousness; provide oversight, through resource management and quality assessment, to ensure Center effectiveness; and provide expertise in outreach by forming and maintaining internal and external partnerships. Development is an important component of this position, cultivating support for the Center’s mission through pursuit of grants and fundraising.

The Center works in conjunction with the Committee on Teaching and other units on campus to improve student learning. It supports the campus educational mission by providing access to resources for teaching excellence and pedagogical innovation to all instructors, including Senate faculty, lecturers, and graduate teaching assistants and instructors. The Center (1) develops, curates, and maintains readily accessible resources dedicated to best practices and excellence in teaching, (2) assists faculty in developing courses through backward design by starting with learning outcomes and designing the course to best achieve those outcomes, (3) facilitates inquiry into teaching excellence through assessment of student learning, (4) assists faculty in incorporating innovative technology into their pedagogy, (5) aids new faculty and TAs by providing resources, networking opportunities, and general teaching assistance and consultation, (6) creating opportunities to develop communities of practice dedicated to excellence in teaching through peer-to-peer interactions, organizing workshops and other events, and (7) provides classroom cultural competency training.

The Faculty Director will be the academic head of the CITL, reporting to the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and sitting with the Committee on Teaching. The Faculty Director will work closely with, and supervise, a full time Professional Development Coordinator and half time Instructional Designer. Additional members of the team (supervised by the Professional Development Coordinator) include undergraduate and graduate interns. As a representative of the Vice Provost and of the central administration, the Faculty Director is expected to model the UCSC Principles of Community in their interactions with faculty, staff, students, and members of the community.

DUTIES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:
- Developing and maintaining a vision for the Center grounded in current educational research
- Serving as a liaison between the Center, other units on campus, the administration, and external audiences
- Promoting campus policies that support and reward high quality teaching
- Implementing strategic goals related to institutional priorities
- Developing and managing the CITL budget. Hiring, supervising and cultivating CITL staff, researchers, postdocs, GSRs and Interns as resources allow
- Ensuring evaluation and assessment of CITL services
- Establishing and maintaining relationships with area, state, and national teaching center directors to share resources and best practices
- Cultivating support for the scholarship of teaching and learning assessment through pursuit of grants and fundraising

TERM OF APPOINTMENT: The initial appointment is for three years, including responsibilities over the summer, with the possibility of re-appointment contingent on both performance and funding. Compensation is based on the underlying faculty appointment, plus a stipend in the amount of $5,500 (paid out over 12 months). In addition, the Faculty Director will normally receive two course releases per year.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:
- Candidate must be members of the UCSC Academic Senate with tenure or security of employment (SOE)
- Demonstrated experience in leadership
- Experience in grant writing, development, and/or fundraising

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:
- Administrative/management experience in an academic setting
- Experience in team building, communication, and interpersonal skills
- Ability to communicate and work effectively with diverse campus constituents (faculty, students, researchers, administrators)
- Ability to exercise discretion and sound judgment in dealing with confidential and sensitive issues
- Experience in developing and implementing operational goals
- Experience in developing and implementing strategic objectives that meet institutional goals

POSITION AVAILABLE: Starting date is anticipated to be July 1, 2016

TO APPLY: Applications are accepted via the UCSC Academic Recruit online system. Applicants must submit a cover letter expressing their interest and qualifications and an updated curriculum vitae or biobibliography. Documents must be submitted as PDF files. Apply at https://recruit.ucsc.edu/apply/JPF00354. Refer to Position #JPF00354-16T in all correspondence.

CLOSING DATE: Review of applications will begin on April 26, 2016. To ensure full consideration, applications should be complete by this date. The position will remain open until filled, but not later than 12/31/2016.