The University of California invites applications for a position in the Department of Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology under the direction of Associate Professor Needhi Bhalla. The candidate will participate in research on meiotic and/or mitotic chromosome dynamics in C. elegans. Duties will include performing cytology and protein biochemistry with C. elegans; genetic and RNA interference experiments to identify and validate genes; generating and maintaining worm strains; and molecular biological techniques such as microinjection, PCR, cloning, and recombinant protein expression.

RANK: Junior - Associate Specialist, determined by qualifications and experience (see rank qualifications)

SALARY: $36,984 - $63,960, commensurate with rank, qualifications and experience.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS: B.A. or B.S. degree or equivalent foreign degree in genetics, biochemistry, molecular biology, cell biology, or other relevant field, and at least one year lab experience in molecular biology techniques including nucleic acid isolation, recombinant DNA techniques, and PCR.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Experience working with C. elegans, performing genetics and carrying out microinjections; biochemical techniques such as protein purification, immunodetection, and cell staining; good organizational, time management, and problem solving skills; the ability to perform tasks in an organized manner, work accurately, and to meet deadlines and to communicate results. The candidate must be willing to work as an integral member of a research team and have strong communication skills. For Associate Specialist rank, a demonstrated record of one or more peer-reviewed publications.

POSITION AVAILABLE: As soon as possible after closing date.

TERM OF APPOINTMENT: Initial appointment is for one year, with possible reappointment. Should the hiring unit propose reappointment, a review to assess performance will be conducted. In addition, reappointment is contingent upon availability of funding.

TO APPLY: Applications are accepted via the UCSC Academic Recruit online system, and must include a cover letter, curriculum vitae and three letters of recommendation.* Documents/materials must be submitted as PDF files.

Apply at https://recruit.ucsc.edu/apply/JPF00344
Refer to Position # JPF0344-16T in all correspondence.

*All letters will be treated as confidential per University of California policy and California state law. For any reference letter provided via a third party (i.e., dossier service, career center), direct the author to UCSC's confidentiality statement at http://apo.ucsc.edu/confstm.htm.

CLOSING DATE: Review of applications will begin on February 22, 2016. To ensure full consideration, applications should be complete and letters of recommendation received by this date. The position will remain open until filled, but not later than 6/30/2016.