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DEANS
DIRECTORS
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Re: 2013-14 Postdoctoral Scholars Academic Salary Scale Issuance

Dear Colleagues:

The salary scale for Postdoctoral Scholars has been adjusted in accordance with the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between the University of California and the UAW union, Article 4, Compensation. The article stipulates that increases to the Postdoctoral Scholars salary/stipend minima rates shall be made in accordance with the NIH announcement pertaining to the Ruth L. Kirchstein NRSA (National Research Service Award) stipend levels.

The NIH issued the 2014 NRSA stipend levels on February 10, 2014; the effective date of the new rates is March 1, 2014. The new annual minimum is $42,000 for postdoctoral scholars hired on or after this effective date. A copy of the NIH announcement is available online at http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-14-046.html.

The new rates will apply when a Postdoctoral Scholar is newly appointed, reappointed, or on the anniversary date for those Postdoctoral Scholars with multiple year appointments. However, and as a reminder, the MOU provided for a “Phase-in” period (June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2014) to bring currently employed Postdoctoral Scholars up to the required minima levels (see Article 4.C.3). These new rates shall be implemented in accordance with this “Phase-in” provision. The “Phase-in” period ends on May 31, 2014, and all Postdoctoral Scholars must be placed on at least the appropriate NIH-NRSA experience-based rates on June 1, 2014.

The Academic Salary Scales are available online on the Academic Personnel Office web site. Please bring this revised scale to the attention of appropriate individuals in your units, including research accountants and payroll coordinators. Questions may be directed to Susan Fellows (sfellows@ucsc.edu).

Sincerely,

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