**UPLIFT Postdoctoral Scholar Positions at the University of California, Los Angeles**

**February 2018**

The NIH-supported IRACDA postdoctoral fellowship program at UCLA, called UCLA Postdocs Longitudinal Investment in Faculty Training (UPLIFT), is now accepting applications for the fall 2018 cohort. Applications will be accepted starting February 15, 2018 through April 1, 2018.

The goal of the IRACDA program is to attract the nation’s top underrepresented minority scientists to the best postdoctoral positions and support their advancement towards careers in academia. Specifically, the IRACDA program aims to produce an academic workforce in the biosciences with a strong commitment to teaching diverse undergraduates, particularly at institutions that have a history of training students underrepresented in higher education. Therefore, effective training in teaching, mentoring, research, and career development are essential. For more information, please visit the [IRACDA program website](https://www.nigms.nih.gov/Training/CareerDev/Pages/TWDInstRes.aspx).

The training curriculum for our UPLIFT scholars capitalizes on UCLA’s membership in the [CIRTL network](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fceils.ucla.edu%2Fcirtl-at-ucla%2F&data=01%7C01%7Cmcarey%40mednet.ucla.edu%7C5a9fbafa74604d44b75408d4a399ddb4%7C39c3716b64714fd5ac04a7dbaa32782b%7C0&sdata=7lZsC04vyeVJjM0tcm2elg1iVqKVccnFKjnapmCWG4c%3D&reserved=0), the teaching and mentoring expertise provided by our [Center for Education Innovation and Learning in the Sciences](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fceils.ucla.edu%2F&data=01%7C01%7Cmcarey%40mednet.ucla.edu%7C5a9fbafa74604d44b75408d4a399ddb4%7C39c3716b64714fd5ac04a7dbaa32782b%7C0&sdata=88Uz37ivQoviUKKGnhju3Ml8%2B4T8zbUngI%2FzoPEcwjI%3D&reserved=0) (CEILS), our partnership with [California State University Los Angeles](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.calstatela.edu%2F&data=01%7C01%7Cmcarey%40mednet.ucla.edu%7C5a9fbafa74604d44b75408d4a399ddb4%7C39c3716b64714fd5ac04a7dbaa32782b%7C0&sdata=Yb9vbU%2FJbNUDMCDcSHnNYD%2BwApuXy%2BVzVMIOOQOdHvM%3D&reserved=0) (CSULA) where our UPLIFT scholars engage in an authentic teaching experience with a CSULA faculty mentor, as well as strong and consistent mentoring by UCLA research faculty committed to supporting the career advancement of our elite UPLIFT scholars.

The UPLIFT program invites prospective applicants in the biomedical sciences to apply. These postdoctoral awards are for up to three years of support.  Typically, the UCLA research mentor pays the first year and UPLIFT pays years 2-4.

Applicants who would like assistance in identifying a research mentor at UCLA, please let Dr. Michael Carey, the UPLIFT Co-Director, know as he is happy to facilitate your search (contact information below).  A [list of approved UCLA research mentors](https://ceils.ucla.edu/uplift/uplift-faculty-mentors/) is available on the UPLIFT website; however, most biomedical research faculty with adequate research funding are eligible as mentors. Upon request of UPLIFT applicants, the UPLIFT Co-Director will contact the faculty mentor(s) selected, share UPLIFT program information with them, and confirm they are on board with their prospective postdoc’s participation.

**Eligibility:** Prospective UCLA postdocs with a career objective of combining biomedical research with college or university level teaching and who are applying to a UCLA research lab for their initial postdoctoral appointment are eligible to apply to the UPLIFT program. Postdocs who have been in UCLA research labs for less than 1.5 years are also eligible to apply. All applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents.

Applications are accepted via email (uplift@ceils.ucla.edu) with instructions provided on the UPLIFT website: [https://ceils.ucla.edu/uplift/program-application/](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fceils.ucla.edu%2Fuplift%2Fprogram-application%2F&data=01%7C01%7Cmcarey%40mednet.ucla.edu%7C5a9fbafa74604d44b75408d4a399ddb4%7C39c3716b64714fd5ac04a7dbaa32782b%7C0&sdata=L0NX5lxwbM9o4Puy82L76Y%2BCvBK3%2B5pkSZmDqZHx0tI%3D&reserved=0)

For more information about UPLIFT, please visit the program website ([https://ceils.ucla.edu/uplift/](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fceils.ucla.edu%2Fuplift%2F&data=01%7C01%7Cmcarey%40mednet.ucla.edu%7C5a9fbafa74604d44b75408d4a399ddb4%7C39c3716b64714fd5ac04a7dbaa32782b%7C0&sdata=toYtdHbuydH%2BeIxoH1F1wCBfH5NFcR6LVbfL8%2Fz%2F1k4%3D&reserved=0)). All questions should be directed to UPLIFT Co-Director, Dr. Michael Carey (mcarey@mednet.ucla.edu).