

Recommended Practices (Research-Informed, Field-Tested) for Recruiting and Hiring Excellent and Diverse Faculty

When in the process	Focus & actions	Specifics
Define and design the search	Define search broadly	 □ Include diverse areas, methods, etc. □ Define the position broadly enough to get a large, diverse pool of applicants
	Build an effective search committee	 □ Include diverse content knowledge, methodological approaches □ Include diversity of personal characteristics, backgrounds, ranks □ Include those openly committed to diversity and excellence □ Establish expectations & processes for open communication
Launch the search	Advertise to generate a broad pool	 □ Ads include commitments to diversity & advertise widely □ Request the materials that will be used in the evaluation □ Clarify the content of all required applicant materials
	Prime the pump	☐ Consult networks: actively reach out to women & URM scholars
Plan for review of applications	The committee meets to define criteria & create an evaluation tool	 □ Define criteria & build consensus before evaluating applications □ Thoughtful evaluation: use a simple tool □ Reminders to consider all data & to check for biases
Review applicants	Thoughtfully review applicants	☐ Systematic evaluation using agreed-upon criteria ☐ Make a long "short list"
	Meetings	 □ Establish norms and processes □ Challenge biases as they arise □ Discourage sidebar conversations; bring issues to the entire group
	Online interviews	 ☐ Interview list approved before interviews begin ☐ Establish evaluation criteria and tools before interviews begin ☐ All short-listed candidates must be interviewed ☐ Use consistent list of interview Qs across candidates
Host effective campus visits	Human & material resources	 □ Establish evaluation criteria and tool before interviews begin □ Ensure candidates meet diverse group of colleagues □ "Sell" institution through brochures & materials & ensure the same packet goes to all candidates
	To ask or not to ask	 □ Review Qs that cannot be asked: Department Chair sends a letter clarifying this to all with whom candidates will be in contact □ See STEAD web page: "Summary of Legal Interview Questions"
After the visits	Recruit aggressively	☐ Use all available resources to bring excellence to UCD☐ Are multiple candidates feasible? Discuss with Dean