



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Application
California State University, Dominguez Hills
Mervyn M. Dymally
African American Political and Economic Institute

MISSION

The mission of the Mervyn M. Dymally African American Political and Economic Institute is to influence public policy debates through on-going academic and community research dealing with African American political and economic development concerns and impacts in California, the United States and globally.

BACKGROUND

The California State University, Dominguez Hills Mervyn M. Dymally African American Political and Economic Institute was established as a non-partisan public policy center and named after Mervyn Dymally who served over 30 years in public office as California's first black lieutenant governor, California State Assembly Member, California State Senator, and U.S. Congressional Representative. He is recognized for his long history of service as well as his dedication to opening doors for others who shared his ideals in supporting the black community in Los Angeles as well as the wider minority communities he represented. He is considered one of the most influential individuals in politics and is credited with building one of the most important black political organizations in Los Angeles. During his tenure, Mr. Dymally focused his efforts on improving education and access to healthcare for his constituents but also worked on international human rights issues serving on the U.S. Foreign Affairs Committee and chairing the Congressional Black Caucus. The Dymally Institute reports to the Office of the President at CSU Dominguez Hills.

ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

Dymally Institute Fellowship research should result in papers focused on African and African-American issues both domestically and internationally ranging from a broad array of perspectives including but not limited to topics such as the following:

- Public policy debates dealing with African American political and economic development concerns/issues in California and beyond;
- Exploring and documenting the professional lives and achievements of African American public-elected officials, business leaders, and policy makers;
- Exploring and documenting the impact of political, social and economical issues on African American communities and other disadvantaged communities;

The Dymally Postdoctoral Research Fellowship is awarded to qualified researchers within 3 years of having obtained their doctorate to carry out an independent research program. The research plan must address questions within the scope and interest of the Dymally Institute. Multi-disciplinary, inter-disciplinary and all disciplinary perspectives including Arts, Health Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences are invited.

The postdoctoral fellow will actively contribute to the running of the Institute. In addition to conducting their own research, the post-doc will be expected to attend and contribute to Institute activities such as organizing conferences and symposia, and liaising with community organizations and scholars. The fellow may request to teach a course on a topic of their own choosing. The incumbent may share responsibility for committee and department assignments, performing administrative, and other functions as may be assigned. The Fellow will report to the Director of the Institute.

Financial and Other Support

The program supports researchers for a period of up to 2 years – 24 consecutive months. The fellow will earn a salary of \$60,000/year + benefits including medical, dental, and vision. Additionally, fellows will be provided with faculty mentoring, professional development and academic networking opportunities.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please provide the following information:

- One-page abstract of your doctoral thesis
- Informative title of proposed research
- Discipline and sub-discipline of proposed research
- 700 – 1000 word statement describing proposed research
- 500 -700 word statement describing your educational background and personal experience
- Curriculum Vitae
- Sample publication or unpublished research paper
- Two letters of reference are required: one recommendation from the applicant’s doctoral advisor, and one letter of support from the applicant’s postdoc advisor. Letters should be sent in PDF format to DymallyInstitute@csudh.edu.

EVALUATION AND SELECTION

A panel of faculty and administrators will review all applicants. Reviewers will evaluate applicants according to their educational and work background academic accomplishments, strength of the research proposal, and the potential to contribute to diversity and equal opportunity through teaching.

Applicants are encouraged to address these points in their Research Statement:

- How their academic research brings critical perspectives that come from their understanding of the experiences from historically underrepresented or underserved groups in higher education or by academic research generally
- How their life experiences and educational background may potentially contribute to understanding of the barriers facing historically underrepresented or underserved communities

Open Until Filled – Review of Applications will restart: May 1, 2019

QUESTIONS

Questions please contact Dr. Anthony Samad, Executive Director via email: asamad@csudh.edu