

Feminist Futures Center Director

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- Feminist Studies / College of Letters & Science - Social Sciences / UC Santa Barbara

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POSITION OVERVIEW

Position title: Senate

Percent time: 100% FTE

Anticipated start: July 1, 2022

APPLICATION WINDOW

Open date: November 19th, 2021

Next review date: Sunday, Dec 19, 2021 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Apply by this date to ensure full consideration by the committee.

Final date: Friday, Apr 1, 2022 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Applications will continue to be accepted until this date, but those received after the review date will only be considered if the position has not yet been filled.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Division of Social Science at the University of California, Santa Barbara, is conducting a search for the inaugural director of the Center for Feminist Futures. Building on a long tradition of outstanding research and teaching on gender and sexuality at UC Santa Barbara, the Center will bring together scholars and students to engage in and disseminate publicly facing research that moves us toward gender justice. Since 2018, the Feminist Futures Initiative has been modelling the kind of research and programming envisioned for the Center, building on three pillars:

- ❖ Intersectional Feminism: to imagine and work toward a more just future for all
- ❖ Intergenerational Collaboration: to empower rising generations of feminist leaders
- ❖ Impactful Research: to generate publicly facing scholarship for the common good

We are seeking a visionary and energetic leader who holds a Ph.D. in a social science or humanistic social science field with a strong record of interdisciplinary and intersectional research on gender and sexuality; demonstration of effective teaching and mentoring; evidence of committed professional, campus, and community leadership; and expression of an innovative vision for the future of the Center. Appointment will be at the rank of associate or full professor within a department in the Division of Social Sciences—which encompasses Anthropology, Asian American Studies, Black Studies, Chicana and Chicano Studies, Communication, Economics, Feminist Studies, Global Studies, Political Science, and Sociology—and with a preference for at least 50% appointment in the Department of Feminist Studies. Scholars with strong leadership experience in policy, practical, and activist realms, in global and/or local contexts and related to the central Feminist Futures goals, are encouraged to apply.

The Center will be housed in the Division of Social Sciences and will bring together faculty and students from throughout the university. The hallmark of the Division of Social Sciences is the commitment to generating new knowledge about society, both locally and globally, with an emphasis on making knowledge on issues of pressing contemporary importance accessible to diverse publics in the interest of social justice and the common good. The Center will be committed to translating and disseminating research to communities and publics outside the university through policy papers, blogs, podcasts, op-eds, videos, and other creative means. Our emphasis on intergenerational connections affirms that young people—undergraduate students as well as high school students—are essential to the research we produce and disseminate. Through collaborative research, internships and working groups, the Center for Feminist Futures will embody intergenerational cooperation.

This is a unique opportunity for the inaugural Director to play a leadership role to build the Center. A committed group of faculty members and graduate students have participated in developing the concept for the Center and engaging in research and public programming, including “Good News from the Global South: Feminist Futures in Troubled Times” (2019), “Race, Gender, and Voting Patterns: Why Do White Women Vote for Trump?” (2019), “Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence: Is Title IX Broken?” (2020), “Beyond the Bathroom Wars: What is the Future of Transgender Politics?” (2020), “Intimate Futures: Black Sexualities and the Twin Pandemics of COVID-19 and Anti-Black Racism” (2021), and “Care Across the Generations” (2021). The new Director will launch the next stage in the Center’s development.

The Department of Feminist Studies is home to the Hull Chair, the first endowed chair in women’s studies in the University of California system, and is also seeking a senior scholar to assume future leadership in the department: <https://recruit.ap.ucsb.edu/JPF02055>. Feminist Studies has ten full-time faculty members and numerous affiliated faculty members from the Division of Humanities and Fine Arts, Division of Social Sciences, and Gevirtz Graduate School of Education.

The Center for Feminist Futures will be located in the Division of Social Sciences, with active participation of faculty members in the Division of Humanities and Fine Arts and other divisions, schools, and colleges. The Director will be appointed to a five-year renewable term and will receive a 50% appointment (two-course reduction from a four-course teaching load) and an annual stipend. The Center has current-use funding and is in the process of building an endowment. There will be support for website management, outreach, social media, grant-writing, and event planning. The Director's duties will include conceptualization and coordination of specific thematic scholarly initiatives, donor cultivation, building connections among students and faculty members on campus, coordination with other entities and institutions, public engagement, media relations, and supervision of personnel. The University is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through research, teaching, and service as appropriate to the position.

Program: <https://feministfutures.socialsciences.ucsb.edu/>

Division: <https://www.socialsciences.ucsb.edu/>

Department: <https://www.femst.ucsb.edu/>

QUALIFICATIONS

Basic qualifications (required at time of application)

Ph.D. in a social science or humanistic social science field

Preferred qualifications

Evidence of committed professional, campus, and community leadership

Strong record of interdisciplinary and intersectional research on gender and sexuality

Demonstration of effective teaching and mentoring

Expression of an innovative vision of the future of the Center

Demonstration of commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion

Should be at the appointment level of Associate or Full professor

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Document requirements

- Cover Letter - Addresses research, administrative and/or leadership experience, and teaching and mentoring
- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
- Statement of Contributions to Diversity - Statement addressing past and/or potential contributions to diversity through research, leadership, teaching and mentoring, and/or public/community service.
- Vision Statement for the Feminist Futures Center - Provides a 1-page vision statement for the Feminist Futures Center

Reference requirements

- 3 required (contact information only)

References will be contacted and asked to submit a letter of recommendation at the short list stage.

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JOB LOCATION

Santa Barbara, CA