UC Irvine
Department of Neurobiology & Behavior

Tenure-Track Assistant Professor in Neurobiology & Behavior

Position overview

Salary range: The salary range for this position is $93,500 - $121,400. The posted UC salary scales set the minimum pay determined by rank and/or step at appointment. See Professor and Professor of Teaching Series – Academic Year Regular Scales. "Off-scale salaries" and other components of pay, i.e., a salary that is higher than the published system-wide salary at the designated rank and step, are offered when necessary to meet competitive conditions.

Application Window

Open date: November 1, 2026

Next review date: Tuesday, Dec 1, 2026 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)
Apply by this date to ensure full consideration by the committee.

Final date: Friday, Jan 29, 2027 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

UCI invites applications for a full-time tenure-track Assistant Professor position to join the faculty of the Department of Neurobiology and Behavior in the School of Biological Sciences at the University of California, Irvine.

Ideal applicants will employ rigorous molecular, cellular, circuit, systems, computation, organoid, or behavioral approaches to understand the biological bases of behavior and its disorders, and conduct research that integrates modern neuroscience techniques with conceptually innovative questions. We are specifically interested in candidates whose work addresses addiction and related disorders, including the intersection of social environment with drug use and/or the comorbidity of drug use with other conditions, such as psychiatric disorders, metabolic disease, or infectious disease.

Applicants should hold a Ph.D., M.D.-Ph.D., or equivalent degree(s) and demonstrate evidence for a rigorous research program based on prior research productivity and future research plans. Evidence of securing prior extramural funding will be evaluated positively. Applicants are expected to contribute to teaching at both the graduate and undergraduate levels and demonstrate a commitment to service and leadership at UCI and wider

communities. Please submit a curriculum vitae, 3-page description of research interests and accomplishments, 1-page statement of teaching and mentoring experience, and the contact details for three referees. Information on the department is available at: Neurobiology, UC Irvine Charlie Dunlop School of Biological Sciences

The successful candidate will be able to leverage and complement existing strengths of the Department of Neurobiology and Behavior, as well as the UCI neuroscience research community including the Irvine Center for Addiction Neuroscience (ICAN), Center for the Study of Cannabis, Institute for Translational Depression Discoveries, Sue & Bill Gross Stem Cell Center, UCI Conte Center, Center for Neural Circuit Mapping, Institute for Memory Impairments and Neurological Disorders, Center for Neurobiology of Learning and Memory, and the Institute for Precision Health.

Department: https://neurobiology.uci.edu/

Qualifications

Basic qualifications (required at time of application)

Applicants should hold a Ph.D., M.D.-Ph.D., or equivalent degree(s).

Application Requirements

Document requirements

- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
- Cover Letter
- Teaching and Mentoring Statement - This statement should indicate the candidate's teaching experiences to date, and their areas of teaching interest. In addition to didactic teaching experiences, applicants may also describe research mentorship experiences, outreach activities, and other related experiences and plans. Candidates should describe their teaching approach and philosophy, active and evidence-based teaching strategies, or other plans for engaging in effective teaching strategies. If possible, provide evidence of effectiveness of previous teaching. See our guidance for writing a reflective teaching statement
- Research Statement - An overview of prior and ongoing research and an outlook for future research directions to establish independence (3 pages).
- Misc / Additional (Optional)

Reference requirements

- 3 required (contact information only)

Apply link: https://recruit.ap.uci.edu/JPF10400

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As a condition of employment, the finalist will be required to disclose if they are subject to any **final** administrative or judicial decisions within the last seven years determining that they committed any misconduct.

- "Misconduct" means any violation of the policies or laws governing conduct at the applicant's previous place of employment, including, but not limited to, violations of policies or laws prohibiting sexual harassment, sexual assault, or other forms of harassment or discrimination, as defined by the employer.
- UC Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Policy
- UC Anti-Discrimination Policy for Employees, Students and Third Parties
- APM - 035: Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination in Employment.

As a University employee, you will be required to comply with all applicable University policies and/or collective bargaining agreements, as may be amended from time to time. Federal, state, or local government directives may impose additional requirements.

Job location

Irvine, CA