

Careers in Academia: Insights into the Academic Hiring Process



A panel and discussion of the academic hiring process marked the SOM Student Advisory Council's first event of the year. Almost seventy UCI graduate students and postdoctoral scholars participated in an interactive seminar that reviewed the particulars of the academic hiring process, primarily for R1 institutions. The session featured insights from faculty members who have served on hiring committees as well as recently-hired assistant professors. The panelists brought first-hand knowledge and humor as they answered questions about becoming a competitive academic candidate and fueling success in the selection process.

Afterwards, students met in small groups with panelists where they received invaluable advice about positioning for the best jobs.

The novel idea to partner experienced selection committee members with recently hired faculty was a concept envisioned by PhD candidate Galina Schmunk as she prepares to enter the job market.

The event, co-sponsored by the UCI School of Medicine and GPS-BIOMED, was presented on February 23, 2017 by three School of Medicine students; Autumn Holmes, Galina Schmunk, and Amber Habowski. Appreciation is given to our faculty panel members Klemens Hertel, Zeba Wunderlich, Steve Mahler, and Christie Fowler.

