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<u>Staff Assembly Current e-news: Educational Reimbursement deadline April 15, UC staff career</u> development conference

This is your monthly Staff Assembly e-newsletter, distributed on the second Tuesday of each month (read archived <u>past issues</u>). As staff members at UC Agriculture and Natural Resources, you are ALL part of <u>UC ANR Staff Assembly</u>. We on the <u>Staff Assembly Council</u> help advise senior leadership and advocate on your behalf, and we also organize programs and events that promote your professional development and personal growth. (Note: Academics are members of our counterpart entity, Academic Assembly.)

One month left to apply for funds from Educational Reimbursement Program

UC ANR Staff Assembly provides financial assistance for career and professional training and development through an <u>Educational Reimbursement Program</u>. If you participated or will participate in a training/development activity between Nov. 1, 2022 and April 15, 2023, the deadline to apply for reimbursement for this cycle is **5 p.m. on April 15, 2023**.

All ANR career staff employees (represented and non-represented) who have completed the probationary period are eligible to apply, as well as all UCCE County paid staff employees in good standing.

Reimbursement funds (up to \$499 per person, per cycle, dependent on number of applications received) can be used to cover course/tuition/registration fees required for certification or degree attainment, registration fees for workshops or seminars, or books and materials for career development.

For details on eligibility, requirements and instructions to apply, visit: https://staffassembly.ucanr.edu/Subcommittees/Education Reimbursement/

Questions? Please contact Educational Reimbursement Chair Rosa Vargas at rivargas@ucanr.edu.

Next Opportunity at Work (NOW) Conference open to all UC staff

Designed to support UC staff with career and professional development, the Next Opportunity at Work (NOW) Conference is set for Thursday, June 8, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Oakland Marriott City Center. The 11th annual event is organized by UC Berkeley People & Culture.

Under the theme of "Reconnect, Recharge, Reimagine," the conference will feature inspiring keynote speakers, workshops, community building with peers, and career planning resources.

Pre- and post-conference activities will be held virtually on June 5, 6, 7, and 9, including but not limited to virtual group/1:1 coaching opportunities and other activities.

For more information: https://hr.berkeley.edu/grow/grow-your-career/now-conference

Did you RSVP for the baseball game during the Statewide Conference?

In case you haven't already, be sure to mark that you will attend the Fresno Grizzlies baseball game on April 26 as you complete the registration process for the UC ANR Statewide Conference.

The fun social outing, hosted by UC ANR Staff Assembly Council and Academic Assembly Council, is open to all UC ANR employees and includes game tickets, dinner and non-alcoholic drinks. The ballpark is a 9-minute walk from the DoubleTree Fresno conference site. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and first pitch is 6:50 p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Deadline to apply for staff advisor to UC Regents: March 24

Applications for the <u>position of staff advisor to the UC Regents</u> are once again open for non-represented and represented staff or non-Senate academic employees who have at least five years of UC service, offering a unique opportunity to represent and serve your colleagues.

The staff advisor participates in open sessions and designated committees of the Board of Regents, representing their fellow employees in UC Board of Regents deliberations and to decision-makers at the Office of the President.

The application period ends **Friday, March 24**, for a two-year term that runs from July 2023 to June 2025.

Submissions for future issues of Staff Assembly Current

We invite you to submit brief notices (150 words or less), directly related to Staff Assembly-led topics and programs, for inclusion in future issues of the Current. It will go out every month on the second Tuesday. Deadline for submissions is the last day of the previous month. Please ensure your item is relevant to all (or nearly all) UC ANR staff.

Email your submissions to Mike Hsu, SAC communications chair, at mjhsu@ucanr.edu. Thank you!