

My Story and Negotiating for that Faculty Position

Brandon Brown, MPH, PhD
Center for Healthy Communities
UC Riverside School of Medicine



Who is in the room?

- Name
- Research Topic for GloCal
 - 1 sentence
- > Burning question about faculty jobs



Types of faculty positions

- Trainee
 - Postdoctoral fellow
- Professor series
 - Assistant Professor (state funds)
 - Assistant Professor in Residence (non-state funds)
- Other possibilities:
 - Lecturer series (all teaching)
 - Professional research series (no teaching)
 - Adjunct series (part time)



Salary Negotiation (1)

- > First thing and early on
 - Initial salary affects entire career
 - Salary usually slowly moving ship
 - So start high
 - At UCI low is 51K
 - Does not have to be equitable
 - > Only get more if you ask for more
 - Justify your step (pubs, grants, time as postdoc)



Salary Negotiation (2)

- Use data:
 - Nationally
 - Big range between institutions
 - Compare with national averages
 - Mean Asst UCI 86K
 - NYU 109K
 - Campus data
 - > Usually only public schools
 - UCI Asst prof 14K to 246K



Salary Negotiation (3)

- Outside offer letters
 - Increases your academic value
 - Best case
 - Match the offer or go beyond and give perks
 - Worst case
 - They tell you to take the offer



My Academic Story

- UCI BS, UCLA MPH, Hopkins PhD
- Postdoc UCLA/UCSD
 - Higher salary to go above NIH cap
 - Non federal funds
- UC Irvine lecturer PH
- UC Irvine asst prof PH
- UC Riverside asst prof SOM





Reflections

- Get everything in writing
 - Your signed offer letter is a legal contract
- Interviewing takes lots of time
 - Schedule during low teaching/travel
- Grants make a huge difference
 - Currency of negotiation (annually)
- Keep leadership at your school informed



Practice

Dear Dr. (Your name here)

Congratulations! We are pleased to offer you a faculty appointment at the University of (Your Dreams). We have targeted your start date is August 2018 and your starting salary is \$100,000.

Please sign (on the dotted line) if you agree.



References

- Navigating your first tenure-track academic position: http://diverseeducation.com/article/68637/
- Chronicle national faculty salaries: https://data.chronicle.com/category/sector/1/faculty-salaries/
- UC Campus salaries: https://ucannualwage.ucop.edu/wage/
- Chronicle-Negotiating in academia: https://pseupdate.mior.ca/links/go/3506/
- Invisible labor of Minority professors:
 http://www.chronicle.com/article/The-Invisible-Labor-of/234098
- Service imbalance by gender:
 https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11162-017-9454 2?wt mc=Internal.Event.1.SEM.ArticleAuthorOnlineFirst



Questions

- Q&A
 - a real offer letter?

Brandon.brown@ucr.edu

Phone: 951-715-2712

