The Southeastern Conference (SEC) Emerging Scholars Program is a year-long professional development series preparing diverse scholars from member institutions to enter academia. Selected scholars will participate in an inter-institutional SEC Emerging Scholars Career Preparation workshop in the Fall of 2024. The 2024 Emerging Scholars Workshop will be hosted by the University of Georgia. The dates for the workshop will be Sunday, September 15, 2024 through Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

Eligibility: All active UGA postdocs seeking an academic faculty position are eligible to apply. Postdocs must remain as a UGA postdoc through the academic year to receive full benefit and compensation for the program.

Funding: Selected scholars will receive a $10,000 annual supplement, distributed monthly and subject to proration if the program is not completed.

Selection criteria: Scholars will be selected based on their potential to establish a successful academic faculty career and potential to significantly contribute to a culture of diversity and inclusion.

Program requirements: Selected Emerging Scholars must commit to participate in the inter-institutional SEC Emerging Scholars Career Preparation workshop in September 2024. Faculty mentors must commit to supporting this participation.

Application: Applications are due Wednesday, May 1, 2024 via UGA’s InfoReady portal, and must include:

- A current CV
- Personal statement, including a clear description of the postdoc’s career goals and capacity to contribute to a culture of diversity and inclusion.
- Letter of support from Postdoc’s mentor/direct supervisor, including a clear assessment of the postdoc’s potential for an academic career and their potential to contribute to a culture of diversity and inclusion. The mentor’s statement must also clearly acknowledge and support the requirement for the postdoc to participate in the inter-institutional SEC Emerging Scholars Career Preparation workshop.

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