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## CCBM Graduate Mentor Call

We are currently accepting applications for the **CCBM Graduate Mentor** role.

Applications are due by **Sept. 25, 2024**. Send your CV, 1-2 references, and statement of interest to Carrie Kouadio.

The CCBM Graduate Mentor will work under the direction of Prof. Ajay Gopinathan, CCBM Co-Director, Co-PI, and Graduate Lead.

**Fellowship Qualifications:** UC Merced Ph.D. student in STEM field who has a 50% assistantship or fellowship, is in good standing, with advisor approval; Applicants must be either U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or permanent residents.

**Purpose:** Provide a small stipend as a fellowship (\$1,000 for the CCBM Graduate Mentor each semester (fall, spring, summer) upon completion of each semester, for role in center (not intended to replace an assistantship)

**Timeline:** 3-4 hours per week for the CCBM Graduate Mentor (average) depending on program needs, with flexible hours.

### **Outcomes:**

1-2 page report (reflection on program experience) per semester and a presentation in a center meeting

**Other:** It is expected that the Mentors will serve multiple semesters for continuity of center programs, depending on availability, student status, and positive performance.

### **CCBM Graduate Mentor Overview:**

The graduate program for Phase II will feature **peer mentoring** by a senior CCBM Graduate Mentor (CGM), responsible for serving as a resource for new students in the Center and for sharing with them information about opportunities, coursework, and research expectations. The role will also facilitate interactions with center graduate students and host journal clubs and workshops. In addition, the Mentor will participate in Individualized Development Plan (IDP) meetings for CCBM graduate students. This fellowship will promote training for a career in research/mentorship/education under the guidance of a CCBM faculty member. The Fellow will assist in the advancement of UC Merced research and education/training through the center's graduate program which provides a research experience, training, professional development opportunities, and mentoring to its CCBM Scholars. The role will enhance the professional development and training of the graduate student, with a focus on development of research mentoring, communication skills, and organizational skills.

### **Focus areas:**

--Organize and run once monthly journal club/professional development meeting with CCBM Fellows/Scholars  
--Mentor, guide, and advise junior CCBM Fellows/Scholars regarding individualized development plans, research expectations, faculty interactions, program resources, fellowships, and outreach opportunities.

### **Contact:**

Please contact Carrie Kouadio ([ckouadio@ucmerced.edu](mailto:ckouadio@ucmerced.edu), 217-898-3522 cell) if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time and interest.