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Due to higher than expected demand, I am pleased to announce we will be expanding the Systemwide UC Women's Initiative for Professional Development (UC WI) in 2018. After two successful programs in 2016 and 2017, we will provide this as a regular development offering to women across the UC System and will partner with locations on delivery of the program.

As a reminder, UC WI is an experiential professional development program designed for the expressed purpose of elevating women in leadership at UC. UC WI is run by Systemwide Talent Management, sponsored by the President's Office and SACSU (UC Systemwide Advisory Committee on the Status of Women).

The program has been streamlined to allow more participation in 2018 and the program will follow a slightly different format than our previous offerings. Enhancements for 2018 include:

- Program fee reduced to \$1750 per participant (from \$2500 pp)
- Six regional cohorts (three North and three South), accommodating 144 participants
- Total number of days per cohort reduced to 4.5 from 6
- Inclusion of UC Facilitators to provide additional professional development opportunities to UC WI graduates
- Inclusion of a combined North and South final capstone event for each cohort enabling participants to make connections across the UC system
- A single request for nominations to fill all six cohorts

A request for nominations will be sent in the coming weeks. Additional information can be found in the attached document, please feel free to contact me or Terry Barton, teresa.barton@ucop.edu, if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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