NSF Data Corps - UC Riverside Collaboration

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Dear Dr. Scroggins,

Dr. Paea LePendu and I are faculty in the Computer Science Department at UC Riverside. We are in the process of applying to the NSF Harnessing the Data Revolution: Data Science Corps solicitation. The opportunity is focused on providing undergraduate education and research experiences in the area of Data Science. This includes supporting 25-30 student stipends at $5k to gain practical experience in Data Science with a focus on supporting the local community.

We will recruit students from UCR and other institutions to participate in Data Science projects. We will also partner with a coalition of industry , state and federal organizations to facilitate such opportunities for the students. In addition to the student project experience, we hope to work with educational institutions like Mt. Sac Antonio College to establish curriculum standards in Data Science. We hope to encourage a community of practice and disseminate teaching standards, modules and projects with associated data sets to collaborating educational institutions.

Given the college's partnership with UCR in the TUNE program (Training from Undergraduate through Navy Engagement), we were hoping your institution would also be willing to collaborate with us on this opportunity.

Please let me know if you would be willing to provide a letter of collaboration. Unfortunately, the deadline is coming up soon and we would require the letter to be submitted before Jan. 28th.

Please let me know if I can provide any further information or answer any questions you may have on this opportunity. We hope to hear from you.

Best Regards,

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