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It is with enthusiasm that I welcome you to the Doctoral Student Teaching Fellow (DSTF) Program 2023-2024. After careful review of your application materials and CV, the review committee determined that you are a strong fit for CU Nursing's DSTF Program.

Because CU Nursing's process for assigning faculty to courses has undergone some recent revisions, there are fewer teaching opportunities for DSTF in the Fall Semester 2023. To balance out this reality, the DSTF Program is launching a pilot to pair DSTF with Course Leads for large, complex courses (the pilot position is called "Course Lead Fellow"). The final details of Course Lead Fellows for Fall Semester 2023 are currently being finalized, and I will email DSTF where a Course Lead Fellow opportunity matches a Fellow's availability and skills set..

Teaching assignments for Spring Semester 2024 for DSTF will be identified during the middle of the Fall Semester 2023. As Spring Semester 2024 teaching needs become more defined, I will reach out to individual DSTF to assess rightness of match. I will be using the information your provided in your application materials to match a DSTF with a teaching need. Spring Semester teaching assignments for DSTF should be confirmed by mid-November. We also hope to have additional opportunities in Spring Semester 2023 for Course Lead Fellows.

Teaching assignments for Summer Semester 2024 for DSTF will be identified during the middle of the Spring Semester 2024. As Summer Semester 2024 teaching needs become more defined, I will reach out to individual DSTF to assess rightness of match. I will be using

the information your provided in your application materials to match a DSTF with a teaching need. Summer Semester teaching assignments for DSTF should be confirmed by mid-April 2024. We also hope to have additional opportunities in Summer Semester 2023 for Course Lead Fellows. Even if you are scheduled to graduate in May 2024, because the DSTF Program considers the year program to be September to August, you are eligible to teach in the Summer Semester 2024 if you are interested. Historically, the Summer Semester has offered the highest number of teaching opportunities for DSTF.

Even if you are not assigned to a teaching or Course Lead Fellow opportunity in the Fall Semester 2024, I hope you will consider attending the monthly DSTF meetings. Each month we discuss a different topic on how to build a strong career as a nursing academician. I will provide citations for 1-2 articles each month so our conversation will begin with what the evidence says about each month's topic. Attached is a list of the monthly meeting dates/times and the topics for each month. I'll record each session and these recordings will be available to anyone who can't attend.

As a growing program, I anticipate that the opportunities for DSTF will continue to evolve and expand during the 2023-2024 year.

Please feel free to reach out or email with any questions that you may have.

I hope to have the opportunity to collaborate with each of your during this year.

Thanks,

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