

# Using Race Subject Matter-Aware, Identity Neutral Criteria

Breakout #2 for FAN Workshop with Jamie Lewis Keith

## A. Student admission or faculty hiring (target of opportunity or regular)

### 1. What opportunities do you see to enhance both climate and diversity?

*Prioritizing legacy admissions can harm diversity. Focusing on personal Statements can help improve diversity, distance traveled.*  
– ANONYMOUS

*Increasing the weight of service can help diversify faculty hiring.*  
– ANONYMOUS

*Creating programs focused on areas of scholarship for faculty recruitment could be used to help recruit from diverse backgrounds.*  
– ANONYMOUS

### 2. What are the challenges—what changes and support (beyond funding) are needed for success?

*How are we going to educate everyone who participates in admissions processes on the new ruling? Additional pressure is also going to be put on our legal departments.* – ANONYMOUS

### 3. What are the first steps to implement—what roles would need to be engaged?

*Survey what initiatives exist that would need to be reviewed and perhaps amended* – ANONYMOUS

## B. Research support (student research funding; faculty start-up packages or seed funding)

### 1. What opportunities do you see to enhance both climate and diversity?

*Offer funding for research that might not be offered at other institutions (Mellon, etc). Increasing awareness on campus, partnerships.* – ANONYMOUS

*Empowering people within the community.* – ANONYMOUS

*Cross-disciplinary work supported by seed funding, 5-10K - + faculty impact. mentoring.* – ANONYMOUS

### 2. What are the challenges—what changes and support (beyond funding) are needed for success?

*Strong mentorship and diverse teams with different lenses.*  
– ANONYMOUS

*Minority tax (if you identify as underrepresented, then often appointed as advocate and keeps them from progressing - seed funding might protect from this.* – ANONYMOUS

*Knowledge about service activity faculty are committing to.*  
– ANONYMOUS

### 3. What are the first steps to implement—what roles would need to be engaged?

*Leadership commitment* – ANONYMOUS

*Mentoring - structure, value, expectation.* – ANONYMOUS

*Staff in place to support the process.* – ANONYMOUS

*Practical examples of mentoring success during hiring process*  
– ANONYMOUS

*Transparency - clarity on expectations and documentation on how people receiving support are progressing.* – ANONYMOUS

## **C. Mentoring/Professional Development/Training (for faculty or students)**

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### **1. What opportunities do you see to enhance both climate and diversity?**

*If mentoring and professional development programs are expanded with input and inclusion of diverse faculty with a view on equity, and are available for all faculty, irrespective of rank. – ANONYMOUS*

*opportunity to engage with people who are truly committed  
– ANONYMOUS*

*May increase motivation for all to gain better mentoring skills that could benefit mentees – ANONYMOUS*

### **2. What are the challenges—what changes and support (beyond funding) are needed for success?**

*how to engage people who are unwilling to grow or lean in to inclusive culture – ANONYMOUS*

*how to evaluate our offerings for intent and impact – ANONYMOUS*

*the ability to tailor/ advertise professional development programs to those that need it more – ANONYMOUS*

*Help leaders pace themselves and their energy to do the work  
– ANONYMOUS*

*Clear explanation of criteria--get questions on how to assess true engagement and knowledge – ANONYMOUS*

### **3. What are the first steps to implement—what roles would need to be engaged?**

*Sort faculty into knowledge/commitment levels to address groups 'where they are'; including ignoring individuals who are impediments during early onboarding – ANONYMOUS*

*define clear outcomes/goals; what are the inputs and outputs  
– ANONYMOUS*