Quick Steps
Procedures and Forms Checklist

The following checklist, in sequential order, is designed to assist those involved with the faculty recruitment process. All forms and templates mentioned in these quicksteps can be found on the recruitment page at: http://www.csuchico.edu/faaf/recruitment.shtml

☐ The department chair consults with the college dean regarding the need to recruit. The dean requests authorization to initiate a full-time search (tenure-track or temporary) from the provost. Approval will be given in writing.

☐ Following approval by the provost, the department will elect (by simple majority) a search committee (Department Hiring Committee) of tenured faculty and may include probationary faculty following guidelines specified in FPPP, Section 6 and CBA, Article 12. This committee should be as diverse as possible and may include nominating individuals from outside the department for additional perspective and expertise.

☐ Once established, the search committee develops a recruitment plan. This includes completion of the Recruitment Authorization Form, the Screening and Selection Criteria/Outreach Efforts, Vacancy Announcement and other recruitment documents as needed (e.g. sample print ads), to the dean for approval. The dean will review and sign to ensure compliance procedures and the needs of the department.

☐ Faculty Affairs (FAAF) offers letter templates that can be used in candidate nomination, invitation, and in the solicitation of candidates to create a diverse applicant pool.

☐ Once the dean has approved the Recruitment Authorization materials, it is routed to FAAF for review, the assignment of a FAAF tracking number and the creation of a recruitment file. FAAF forwards the Recruitment Authorization Packet to the provost (AVPFA signs if position is full time temporary) for approval.

☐ Following the provost’s (or AVPFA’s) approval, the signed Recruitment Authorization materials will be returned to FAAF for the recruitment file. FAAF emails a copy of the approved Recruitment Authorization form to the dean, department chair, search committee chair, department secretary, and college AA/S to notify of the approval.

☐ The committee places ads, distributes vacancy announcements, and implements outreach efforts to solicit applications as defined in the Recruitment Authorization documents (e.g. direct mail campaigns, list-servs, phone calls, electronic mail, and personal contacts) then forwards FAAF an electronic version of the ad for placement on the Statewide CSU Careers Board, HERC & EDD. FAAF also places the ad on numerous contracted diversity sites to extend our outreach to underrepresented groups. Faculty Affairs will review the Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program directory and email an invitation to apply to recipients within the recruitment discipline.

☐ In response to all queries, the committee sends out an acknowledgement letter/email with a copy of the complete, official vacancy announcement and the EEO Self-ID forms (formerly AIQ). FAAF offers a template to send applicants along with the updated EEO forms.
The Applicant Flow Log will be generated by the search committee, signed by the dean, and forwarded to FAAF with Form 7, as the official list of applicants. From this information the EEO data is compiled on the applicant pool. If this process takes longer than expected, candidates should be informed that the process is continuing. If the recruitment is “open until filled” the Flow Log should be updated as applications come in, with the final version being submitted to FAAF when a hire is made.

The search committee screens the applications following the criteria and procedures established by the search committee. A sample screening rubric for use is available should a committee not have one to work from. The department search committee, following the initial screening process, may create a list of semifinalist candidates to be interviewed via phone. Candidates should be asked the same series of questions with all of the committee in attendance. This step requires no authorization from FAAF/Provost.

Following phone interviews, the committee and dean consult to identify a short list of finalists to interview on campus. These finalists are named on the Interview Authorization Form (IAF). A copy of each finalist’s curriculum vitae and applicable certificates/licensure completion must accompany the form. The form is routed to the dean for signature approval.

Some committees prefer to check references of finalists at this time instead of waiting until campus interviews. In either case, the finalists MUST read and sign an Employment/Education Information Release that authorizes the search committee to conduct reference checks and to verify education. These forms may be mailed or faxed to candidates for signature but the original should be requested for the recruitment file. REMEMBER, what is done for one candidate must be done for all candidates.

In the process of conducting reference checks, the search committee will document the names of those contacted with a reference log, the method of contact (phone, email, reference letter, or face to face interviews), and other relevant data. Please use Reference Check for Final Candidates.

Upon approval by the dean, the IAF is forwarded to FAAF for review and signature. FAAF will route to the provost for signature. The provost’s office will return the signed form and original documents to FAAF. Copies of the signed form (face sheet only) will be emailed to the hiring department and college office. Vitae and degree/licensure confirmation documentation will not be returned. They are retained in FAAF recruitment file. Departments should retain originals of these documents.

Once the IAF has been approved by the provost (or AVPFA, if temporary), the committee may schedule and conduct interviews. On-campus interviews are required for tenure-track and full-time temporary positions. Our website offers a template for confirmation of an Interview Invitation for use if desired.

Candidates who are not semifinalists or finalists are usually notified that they are no longer being considered. Committees may use the template provided on our site for this purpose. If a FAAF approved template is not used please have your notification reviewed by FAAF prior to sending to applicants.
Please arrange for your finalists to have a criminal background check. For instructions, forms and payment procedures please contact your department ASC or college AA/S.

Following completion of all interviews, reference checks, criminal background checks and education verification of all viable candidates, the search committee will consult with the department chair and dean to report and discuss the results of the findings. Once this has occurred and a candidate agreed upon by the department and dean, the Reference Data for Final Candidates, the Education Verification for Final Candidates and the Authorization to Extend an Offer (AEO) form is routed to the dean for approval.

If a search needs to be cancelled, use the template provided on our site (or something similar) to inform candidates.

Following the dean’s approval, the AEO and required documentation is forwarded to FAAF for review, signature and subsequent routing to the provost (AVPFA, if temporary) for approval.

Upon final approval of the AEO form, the dean may extend an offer of employment to the successful candidate.

An Offer Letter is prepared by the college office and after dean’s approval routed to FAAF for review. A standard template may be used if the new hire holds a PhD. If the candidate is “ABD,” there is a template available that includes the specialized language for this circumstance. Both templates are available at the link given at the top of the page.

Upon receipt of the signed offer letter, and the appointment has been accepted, the original signed offer letter will go into new employee’s PAF and a copy is sent to FAAF.

The Dean’s Search Summary is completed and submitted to FAAF.

The search is considered closed once the appointee has signed the Academic Appointment Form, usually in the summer. The AAF is sent to FAAF for the approval process. The FAAF office will return the approved AAF to the dean who will then forward the written offer to the appointee for signature.

Upon conclusion of the recruitment process, regardless of whether a successful hire is made, documentation of the recruitment process must be kept in the college/department office for a period of three years.

Please visit the Faculty Affairs website at http://www.csuchico.edu/faaf/index.shtml to access the FPPP and the CBA for Unit 3 Faculty.