

Charge for the Chancellor's Task Force on Social Justice Research

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Established in 2021, the Chancellor's Task Force on Social Justice Research will recommend to campus decision makers how UC Berkeley can best support faculty, staff, and students pursuing research on Social Justice issues.

In consultation with cognizant Deans, campus Equity & Inclusion leadership, and faculty, staff and students and others who champion and pursue social justice research on campus, the Task Force on Social Justice Research provides the Chancellor, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, Vice Chancellor for Research, and cognizant Deans with insight into our current strengths in social justice research including areas of intellectual overlap; areas where critical social justice research could be better supported; and areas where shared resources, collaboration and fundraising could strengthen Berkeley's social justice research mission. The Task Force is encouraged to select and focus on a short list of questions that should lead to a set of recommendations. Such questions could include:

- How can campus give greater visibility and support to the excellent social justice research that is done at Berkeley, especially by our underrepresented minority faculty, students and postdoctoral researchers?
- What physical space(s) is/are needed on campus (or adjacent) to support the social justice research community at Berkeley?
- How do we ensure that social justice research becomes a priority for campus' Light the Way campaign as well as other decanal and unit campaigns?
- What organizational model(s) should Berkeley consider that would facilitate a future-focused, harmonized, and strengthened organizational structure for social justice research?
- What are some best practices in supporting social justice research as gleaned from peer Universities?