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SANTA BARBARA, SANTA CRUZ

December 7, 2023

Dear Professor David Eisenbud:

It is my pleasure to inform you that on November 28, 2023, the Advisory Board of the Miller Institute for Basic Research in Science voted to grant you an appointment as a Miller Research Professor for Academic Year 2024-2025 (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025). ***Please confirm your acceptance of the terms of this award by January 29, 2024 by signing and returning page two of this letter, indicating the agreed upon terms of your appointment, to the Miller Institute office.***

Questions regarding this appointment may be directed to Hilary Jacobsen, Chief Administrative Officer, by e-mail (millerinstitute@berkeley.edu).

## **Terms for the 2024-25 Miller Professorship appointment:**

- Miller Professors retain their academic appointment in their home department but have the option to be placed on a modified status releasing recipients of teaching obligations during the appointment term. Otherwise, awardees are expected to devote full time and effort to basic research. Awardees may not serve concurrently as Department Chair.
- As the Miller bequest requires that research be performed in residence in Berkeley, extended absences from campus should not be planned for the term of the appointment. Applicants planning extensive travel should consider a one-semester appointment coupled with official sabbatical leave for a second semester.
- Miller Professors may additionally opt for full release from campus service by agreeing not to accrue sabbatical credit while serving as a Miller Professor. If an awardee prefers to accrue sabbatical credit, an appropriate level of campus service will be negotiated with the home department.
- Miller Professors will have a 0% appointment with the Miller Institute.
- For those Miller Professors choosing to be released from teaching, the Miller Institute will provide \$30,000 directly to the home department chair to cover the costs of teaching classes the Miller Professor will not be teaching during this award period. The Institute will provide an unrestricted research fund of \$20,000 to each awardee to be used at the Miller Professor's discretion.
- For those Miller Professors who choose to continue teaching, the Miller Institute will provide the home department a \$5,000 administrative fund to be used at the chair's discretion. The Miller Professor will receive an unrestricted research fund of \$30,000 to be used at their sole discretion in support of their research.

## **When setting up your calendar for the period of your Miller Professorship, please keep in mind that:**

- The Miller Institute office must be notified of extended absences away from campus during the Miller Professorship term.
- Miller Professors are expected to be active participants in the Miller Community by attending the weekly Tuesday lunches, the annual dinner(s) and the annual symposium. They are encouraged to attend other social functions as they arise.
- It is not appropriate for Miller Professors to accept other employment during the term of the Miller Professorship.
- Appointees are required to submit an End of Term Report to the Miller Institute in a timely manner after the conclusion of the term, to be included in the Institute's Annual Report to the Advisory Board. These reports are read by the Executive Committee and the Advisory Board and are valuable for our ability to continue to improve the program.

The weekly Tuesday lunches are one of the highlights of the Miller Institute. The lunches provide a convenient and enjoyable venue for launching discussions with the Miller Fellows, Visiting Miller Professors, Senior Miller Fellows and other members of the Institute. The expectation is for you to attend these on a regular basis, and you will be asked to give a talk at one of these lunches. The Advisory Board hopes that through these social events you are willing to act as a mentor for the Miller Fellows, particularly for those whose fields of interest overlap yours.

We extend our best wishes for an enjoyable collaborative experience within the Miller Institute as well as the success of your individual research project as a Miller Professor.

Welcome to the Miller Institute!

Sincerely,



Chung-Pei Ma  
Judy Chandler Webb Professor in Physical Sciences  
Professor of Astronomy  
Professor of Physics  
Executive Director, Miller Institute for Basic  
Research in Science  
University of California, Berkeley

I understand that as a Miller Professor:

- It is not considered appropriate to give more than one or two outside lectures nor accept other employment during the term of the Miller Professorship.
- As the Miller Institute's bequest requires that research be performed in residence in Berkeley, I will not make any extended travel away from campus during my term and I will notify Hilary Jacobsen of the Miller Institute office of absences away from campus, as is required of all faculty members.
- I am expected to attend the Institute's weekly Tuesday luncheons and to participate in the Miller Institute community. I am expected to give a talk at a Tuesday lunch.
- I will submit an End of Term Report to the Miller Institute in a timely manner after the conclusion of my term.

**I, David Eisenbud, agree to the terms of the Miller Professorship appointment as follows:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I have negotiated with my department and will be released from teaching.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I have negotiated with my department, and I will continue to teach.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I have negotiated with my department, and I will perform campus service during my Miller Professorship, allowing me to earn sabbatical credit.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I have negotiated with my department and will be released from campus service.  
I understand that I will not accrue sabbatical credit.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

cc: Chair Martin Olsson, Mathematics  
Department Manager, Mathematics  
Academic Personnel