Diversity and Inclusion in Research, Education, and Career Training:

Building a community of equity-minded scholars.

Research in agricultural and applied economics addresses many pressing issues of today, including climate change and sustainable agricultural production, migration, economic inequality, food security, and access to nutritious and high-quality foods. Finding solutions to these challenges requires considering new perspectives and drawing on a variety of personal experiences, values, and worldviews that arise from differences in cultural backgrounds and circumstances.

Economics as a discipline would greatly benefit from attracting new talent, especially from African American/Black, Hispanic/Latinx, or Native American/Alaskan Native (AHN) populations who are currently underrepresented among students, faculty, and staff at the University of California.

The overarching goal of the DIRECT Program is to strengthen aspirations and lower barriers to academic success for AHN students and women in the field of agricultural economics in order to better reflect and serve the people of California. It is comprised of four interconnected program areas that will:

- **Expose** community college students to research and career opportunities.
- **Encourage** undergraduate students to get involved in research.
- **Prepare** MS students by providing financial support and mentoring.
- **Involve** PhD students as mentors and instructors.

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