

**Science and Engineering Building 1**

**Office 290**

**UC Merced**

**Candidate Statement – Gregory Mutumi**

My name is Gregory Mutumi and I am a post-doc at University of California – Merced (UC Merced). I want to be considered as a candidate for the Recording Secretary or any other position in UC post-doc union - Merced campus.

I drew my inspiration from the previous candidates with whom I shared office space. Their excellent work made me desire to help further the goals of the post-doc union; the main one of which is to improve the working conditions for post-docs.

The role of the post-doctoral union cannot be under-estimated especially within such a big and expanding community as the UC system. From my experience and learning from the previous representatives, such a union facilitates communication, information-exchange, hence intelligence and wisdom among post-docs. This to me is of great importance as I believe that education and awareness should be collaborative and socially constructed.

I therefore wish to contribute my time and effort to make UC a friendly atmosphere for post-docs coming from all walks of life. To do this, I hope to engage with as many post-docs as possible, provide as much information to help them navigate the system and derive the best experience possible throughout their time as a post-doc. I also hope to devise social events that bring everyone together to learn from each other. My main goal in all this would be to encourage an atmosphere of camaraderie, equality, peace and respect.

Additionally, this opportunity is of great value to me as it will allow me to learn bargaining and effecting positive change. It will help me sharpen both organizational and human skills that so many researchers may not easily acquire as they enter into the job market.

Thanking you in advance,

Sincerely,

Gregory L Mutumi