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Ms. Cindy Schmidt
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Dear Ms. Schmidt,

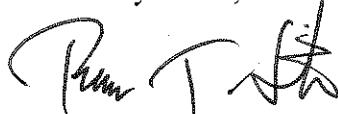
I am writing to you to express my support for the attached application to the UVISIT program for an NCAR scientist to visit Millersville University. We would welcome the opportunity to participate in this very valuable outreach. As the UVISIT program is quite new, I believe that an arrangement with Millersville would simultaneously benefit Millersville, as well as UCAR and the UCAR community, by serving as an example for other, similar institutions, whose main focus is on teaching.

While it is unlikely that we would be able to support the base salary of an NCAR scientist for an extended visit, we would hope to compensate the visiting scientist by having him/her teach a three-credit course. To facilitate this, we would be open to alternative arrangements that would allow for a shorter visit here while still allowing for a full semester course to be offered. We could envision a scenario where the course could be delivered through a blended format, with one-month taught face-to-face on the Millersville campus and where the balance of the course would be embedded in online/video instruction from the instructor's home location. This is but one example of an alternative delivery method that may make a visit to Millersville less burdensome on the NCAR scientists and UCAR. We would welcome discussion on options that would make this a stimulating and manageable professional experience for the NCAR scientist.

We are particularly interested in an individual who could teach a course in Climate Science and Solutions at the senior undergraduate/first year graduate level and/or a course in Weather Derivatives and Valuation at the same level in either fall 2013 (preferred) or spring 2014 semesters. However, we are open to other subject areas that would fill a niche in our meteorology or ocean sciences curriculum. Information on the current course offerings can be found at mville.us/msisa or at <http://www.millersville.edu/~ucatalog/index.pdf> (starting on page 127).

We look forward to hearing from you and discussing a possible UVISIT between UCAR and Millersville University. Please do not hesitate to contact me at Robert.Smith@millersville.edu or at (717) 872-3407.

Sincerely Yours,



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