

# Professor to direct UCSC bid for Fort Ord satellite campus

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A UC-Santa Cruz professor of earth sciences has been named director of the school's program to establish a satellite campus at Fort Ord.

James Gill, who has also been appointed associate vice chancellor for research at the Santa Cruz

campus, has already been coordinating the university's Fort Ord planning efforts.

"The campus has taken the lead in working with local, state and federal agencies to plan a research center on the base," said Jennifer McNulty, a University of California, Santa Cruz spokeswoman.

Researchers would work at a center for science, technology, education and policy on the old Army base, McNulty said.

Researchers will be involved "in fields such as biotechnology, environmental protection and instrumentation, alternative energy, advanced computing systems and agricultural research and policy," she added.

Gill, who has previously chaired the UC-Santa Cruz earth sciences board of studies, has also served as acting dean of the division of graduate studies and research.

In another announcement, the university said a veteran UCSC faculty member has been named

director of a federal program aimed at increasing the numbers of minority scientists involved in biomedical research.

Clifton A. Poodry, acting vice chancellor for undergraduate affairs, will take a leave of absence to serve as director of the Minority Opportunities in Research branch of the National Institutes of Health.

In appointing Poodry to the post, Donna Shalala, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, said his "deep and personal commitment to recruiting minorities to science careers will significantly benefit ... the people the branch serves."