Intramural Funding

How can you find available funding opportunities within UCSF?

You'll find several intramural funding options listed below.

Resource Allocation Program (RAP) [1]

The Resource Allocation Program (RAP) acts as a one-stop shop for several intramural funding mechanisms by managing the dissemination, submission, review and award for these opportunities. For more information, visit the RAP webpage. Contact Emy Volpe [2], Sr. Manager, at 415.502.1674.

Other On-Campus Funding Opportunities

The Program for Breakthrough Biomedical Research [3]

PBBR seeks to stimulate and support highly innovative basic science research at UCSF. The focus is on potentially high-impact basic science projects that are creative, risky, and transformative. They seek novel ideas that are more ambitious than those that receive funding from NIH and other traditional funding mechanisms. For more information, contact Courtney McFall [4], Program Manager, at 415.476.0498.

The Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center [5]

HDFCCC has a vibrant intramural awards program that administers both CCSG developmental funds as well as foundation and philanthropic funds for pilot projects. For more information contact Meredith Donnelly [8], Programs analyst, at 415-502-2186.

The School of Medicine Bridge Program [7]

Bridges gaps in funding monies for both new and established investigators. Contact Linda Tsiu [8], Analyst, at 415.476.1977.

UCSF Hellman Fellows Program [9]: Funded by the Hellman Fellows Fund
The purpose of the Hellman Fellows Program is to provide short-term support for outstanding faculty at the assistant professor level whose work shows originality and promise of distinction, and to assist promising young faculty at the point at which start-up funds have been exhausted and before their research qualifies for other external support. Contact Kelsey Chen [10], Project Coordinator at 415.502.4400.

Call for applications goes out every February via the Limited Submissions listserv. To subscribe to the listserv, please contact: Lisa Howard [11] to be added.

University Development and Alumni Relations [12]
UDAR facilitates the allocation of monies endowed to UCSF. These funds are usually dedicated to specific departments or areas of research and typically are to be used at the investigator's discretion. Contact Michael Faber [13] at 415.476.2617.

QB3 [14]
QB3’s mission is to stimulate innovative life science to keep us healthy, sustain our environment and grow the economy. They promote cross-campus, interdisciplinary research using quantitative approaches to tackle the most difficult challenges. Through tools that include research facilities, educational programs, internships, mentoring, incubators, and a seed-stage venture fund, their creative partnerships with industry and support for entrepreneurial scientists bring the fruit of research to market and bring benefit to society—in the form of products, services, and high-value life science jobs.

Rosenman Institute [15]
Rosenman Institute is QB3’s medical devices initiative. Their specific mission is to drive medical device innovation and to improve patient care by helping entrepreneurs develop technologies from concept to commercialization.

Academic Senate [16]
The AS represents the faculty half of the shared governance of UCSF and provides grants for investigators. Contact Alison Cleaver [17], Associate Director, at 415.376.3808. Funding flows through the RAP Program [1].

Mission Bay Capital [18]
Mission Bay Capital, LLC uses capital and expertise to help entrepreneurs emerging from the University of California change the world. For more information: 415.240.4970 or info@missionbaycapital.com [19].

University of California Office of the President [20]
The Research Grants Program Office at the RGPO oversees a broad grantmaking portfolio of nearly $65 million a year to support research that is critical to California, the nation and the world. RGPO programs enhance UC’s research capacity and excellence, which helps attract top faculty, graduate students, government funding and companies to our state. These grants also enable researchers and community agencies to collaborate and solve the most pressing problems in the state. RGPO also provides grants for training undergraduates, graduate and postdoctoral researchers, whose work will benefit California communities.

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