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The RDO serves at the nexus of research and research administration, acting as a catalyst for the UCSF research enterprise by facilitating productive research collaboration, early pilot funding, and effective proposal development.

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[RAP](#): Resources Allocation Program

The RAP Spring 2016 Cycle received a total of 207 applications. 183 applications will be reviewed by the RAP review committees based on scientific subject. 24 applications will be reviewed by committees independent from the RAP review process (CTSI-Catalyst, the Diabetes Center Pilot Obesity and Diabetes). The results of the Spring competition will be available at the end of May 2016. All applicants will be notified of the results of the competition and will receive written reviews as feedback.

The Spring cycle has introduced new grant mechanisms and new funders. The UCSF Preterm Birth Initiative - California, funded by Lynne and Marc Benioff, will fund a [Pilot Award](#) for \$40,000 and a [Two-Year Innovation Award](#) for \$150,000.

The Department of Psychiatry sponsors the [Digital Mental Health Award Track](#) for \$40,000.

The CTSI-Pilot Awards has introduced the [Family Support Award](#) for \$40,000.

The Shared Instrument award is now open to Core Managers and Full Specialists with PI status. In addition, funds can now be used to either purchase a large single piece of equipment or to support data hardware needs.

[LSP](#): Limited Submission Program

Current LSOs of note:

Internal Deadline	Sponsor	Opportunity Title
March 23	Hellman Fellows Fund	UCSF Hellman Fellows Program

Coming Up:

- The LSP will present at the UCSF Research Advisory Board in April
- The LSP has worked closely with the Advisory Committee to establish a process to provide applicants with feedback. We are excited to say that this will be implemented, on a trial basis, effective immediately. A couple notes regarding feedback:
 - Feedback will only be provided when a full committee review was required to identify a nominee
 - To provide applicants with feedback regarding the strengths and weaknesses of submissions, reviewers will provide feedback by selecting strength/weakness area categories for each proposal

Important Links:

- More information about the LSP & Current LSO listings: rdo.ucsf.edu/limited-submission-program-lsp
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LGDP: Large Grant Development Program

The winter break did not see much of a slow-down in RDO support of large grant proposal development! We worked on a NIH P50 proposal to establish a UCSF Pancreas Tumor SPORE, and a CDC proposal with the UCSF Family AIDS Care and Education Services (FACES) team to continue their efforts to achieve the UNIAIDS 90-90-90 target in Kenya. We also supported a unique NASA contract proposal to establish a Health Translational Research Institute, leveraging the outstanding space science researchers at UCSF and UCSD, the strong informatics framework at UCSD, and the innovative translational pipeline model resident in the UCSF CTSI Catalyst program.

Will your team soon be developing a large, complex proposal like a: NIH P01, P50, U01, U19, U54; NSF Science and Technology Centers: Integrative Partnerships; or the Integrated NSF Support Promoting Interdisciplinary Research and Education (INSPIRE) grants? If so, the RDO can help!

The PhD-trained manager of our Large, Multi-Investigator Grant Development Program (LGDP), Dr. Kristin Dolan, can be with you every step of the way. Specifically, the LGDP can offer:

- Strategy input and participation in science discussions
- Project management of the proposal preparation process, including timeline development and tracking, and liaising with the funding agency or Research Management Services
- Technical writing and editing

NOTE: All UCSF staff and faculty can access a grant template text library, managed by the RDO and hosted on a UCSF Library Guides [page](#). Do you have suggestions of other templates to add? Please let us know!

TSRIP: Team Science for Research Innovation Program

The TSRIP facilitates and fosters intra- and extramural multi-investigator and cross-disciplinary team science efforts. Services include speed-networking events, “collaboratory meet-ups”, facilitation of brain-storming sessions, and coordinating research-specific workshops.

The TSRIP is actively scheduling networking events beyond April 2016. If you are interested in participating or developing a networking event, please contact Gretchen at gretchen.kiser@ucsf.edu.

Recent TSRIP Activity:

- Dec 2015: Facilitating a project retreat for the highly collaborative planning grant of Drs. Jeff Lotz and Ophir Klein, University of California Tissue Regeneration Resource Center (UCTRRC), focused around accelerating promising TE/RM technologies to human clinical trials.

[Other Funding Opportunities](#)

We keep a list of a few “one-off” funding opportunities that come to us through various means. Please check these out through the link above.

Marcus Program in Precision Medicine Innovation (MPPMI):

The RDO, in partnership with the Precision Medicine Platform Committee and the Vice Chancellor for Science Policy and Strategy’s Office, developed and launched the [George and Judy Marcus Program in Precision Medicine Innovation \(MPPMI\)](#) to fuel innovation in precision medicine by fostering creative, high risk, high impact team science projects anchored in basic science and extending into the precision medicine continuum toward improved patient outcomes.

\$4 million has been generously provided by George and Judy Marcus to drive innovative and collaborative efforts between basic researchers and clinical or social/behavioral/population scientists, which are essential to making precision medicine a reality. The MPPMI will advance precision medicine at UCSF through events that actively motivate and foster collaborations, and through direct funding of innovative research projects.

To that end, the program saw the first cycle of funding through this program in February. We received a total of 45 outstanding, creative, and potentially transformative trans-disciplinary research proposals from 135 faculty across UCSF. 25 cross-disciplinary teams submitted proposals to the Seeding Bold Ideas (SBI) Initiative and 20 teams submitted to the Transformative Integrated Research (TIR) Initiative. A committee of researchers representing basic, clinical, and social/behavioral sciences reviewed, discussed, and selected 8 SBI projects and 4 TIR projects for funding.

RDO Outreach Activities

American Association for the Advancement of Science ([AAAS](#)) Annual Meeting:

The RDO recently participated in a workshop, [Careers in Research Development: Pathways to Success](#), at the annual meeting of AAAS in Washington, DC, focused on alternative careers for PhD scientists.

National Organization of Research Development Professionals ([NORDP](#)):

Do you facilitate research team interactions? Or do you help prepare large grant proposals? Do you manage programs that benefit a large cadre of research faculty? Or are you a researcher who now focuses on research administrative functions? If so, then you are likely doing work associated with the emerging field of research development. If these descriptions strike a chord with you, the UCSF RDO encourages you to check out [NORDP](#). You might find a valuable peer

group!

The NORDP is the only professional organization dedicated to the field of research development, offering members a comprehensive annual conference, professional training as well as access to tools and resources, mentoring, and networking opportunities.

The [8th Annual NORDP Conference](#) is coming up May 23-25 in Orlando, FL and registration is now open. These conferences offer a networking and career development training opportunity, as well as many opportunities to learn and share new methods and exchange tips and tricks.

Research Development Internship Opportunity

Are you a graduate student or post-doc looking to explore alternative careers for PhDs? Contact Gretchen Kiser gretchen.kiser@ucsf.edu in the RDO for information about an internship in research development.

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