RDO

Research Development Office

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 review is under way. The final results will be available at the end of May 2016. All applicants in the competition, funded and non-funded, will receive written reviews. RAP awardees are published on the RAP website under Resources.

The important dates for the Fall 2016 Cycle are published on the RAP website homepage.
Call for Applications: August 22, 2016
Deadline to Submit Applications: September 19, 2016
The highlights for each cycle can be found on the home page.

As you review the site be sure not to miss the following key pages:
How to Apply Tells you how you submit to RAP
Submission Rules Tells you how many grants you can submit each cycle
Determine Eligibility & Compare Grants Tells you which grants are for you, based on your rank

LSP: Limited Submission Program

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Internal Deadline	Sponsor	Opportunity Title
April 28, 2016	Brain Research Foundation	Scientific Innovations Award
July 12, 2016	NIH Common Fund	Director's Early Independence Awards (DP5)

Highlights:

- The LSP presented recently at the UCSF Research Advisory Board
- 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
    - 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/LSP

LGDP: Large Grant Development Program

It is shaping up to be a busy spring for the LGDP – we're working on two S10 instrumentation grants, a P01 renewal, and an UG3/UH3 proposal to examine how environmental factors can influence child health outcomes in pediatric cohorts. The LGDP Manager, Kristin Dolan, also visited 8 RMS team meetings over the last two months to promote the LGDP and continue building strong relationships with our RMS partners.

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

RDO's Templates and Guides

All UCSF staff and faculty have access to library of grant template text, managed by the RDO and hosted on a UCSF Library Guides page. Have you been asked to write a letter of support on behalf of your Departmental Chair, or are looking to refresh your NIH "Facilities and Other Resources" document? Let our templates help you overcome the hurdle of starting with a blank page! Some recent additions to the RDO Guides page include:

- Summary of NIH's new guidelines on "Rigor and Reproducibility", including template text for the "Authentication of Key Resources Plan"
- Complete "Facilities and Other Resources" template
- Updated templates for other regulatory documents (*e.g.,* Vertebrate Animals) and UCSF facilities and other resources (*e.g.*, Mission Bay clinical facilities, Institute for Computational and Health Sciences (ICHS))

Do you have suggestions of other templates to add, or see something that needs to be updated? Please let us know by emailing Kristin Dolan (kristin.dolan@ucsf.edu).

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.

Upcoming events include **Lung Biology and Disease Speed-Networking and Seed-Funding event on Thursday, April 21, 2016 from 3:30-5:30 pm at MB, N-114**. In support of the overall campus goal to increase the interaction between faculty of different disciplines, this event aims to connect interdisciplinary basic and clinical science researchers investigating topics concerning the lung.

These networking events enable participating researchers to meet investigators outside their usual circle of collaborators in order to foster a broader network, and to brainstorm new research ideas or expand the aims of their current work. The event will also provide subsequent seed-funding to support feasibility and pilot studies that encourage new collaborations and/or innovative interdisciplinary research.

If you are interested in participating or developing a separate networking event, please contact Gretchen at gretchen.kiser@ucsf.edu.

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.

Clinical Sequencing Evidence-Generating Research (CSER2) Consortium:
The RDO is convening a meeting of those interested in potentially participating in the NHGRI funding plans to establish the new Clinical Sequencing Evidence-Generating Research (CSER2) Consortium, comprised of a Coordinating Center with associated Clinical Sites and Clinical Sites with Enhanced Diversity.

Collectively, CSER2 will comprise between 7 and 11 clinical sites and a Coordinating Center that will: 1) generate and analyze evidence to further investigate the clinical utility of genome sequencing in multiple clinical contexts; 2) research the critical interactions among patients, family members, health practitioners, and clinical laboratories to better inform implementation of the clinical genome sequencing process; and 3) investigate the feasibility of exchanging genomic, clinical, and health utilization data within existing healthcare systems to build a shared evidence base for clinical decision-making. CSER2 will not only focus on accelerating the diagnostic process, but will also investigate what is effective in improving outcomes and patient care, and why. To ensure the effective utilization of CSER2-generated evidence for the establishment of implementation and reimbursement policies, CSER2 will refine evidence measures and collaborate with professional societies, patients, payers, and regulatory agencies. To broaden the applicability of the evidence it generates, CSER2 will emphasize the inclusion of diverse populations, i.e., populations that experience health disparities (including racially and ethnically diverse populations) and populations that receive clinical care outside of specialized academic medical centers.
There will also be grants in the areas of reimbursement, economics, regulation, EMR integration, disparities, and others either through set-aside funds or regular PAs.

Please let me know if you are interested in participating in any of these funding opportunities (gretchen.kiser@ucsf.edu).

RDO Outreach Activities

UC Research Development Network:
Several members of the RDO team will be attending a 2-day meeting of the research development office staff of all 10 of the UC institutions on April 14th and 15th sponsored this year by our UC Santa Cruz colleagues. This annual event enables us to exchange ideas and experience, network with like-colleagues, engage in strategic discussion with UCOP representatives, and learn about some of the other UC-wide initiatives that are going on like the report out from the VCR-CIO-led UC Cyberinfrastructure Conference.

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 and career development resources!

Registration is open for the NORDP 2016 Research Development Conference to be held in Orlando, FL from
May 23-25, 2016. The full conference schedule, including talk titles and presenters' names, can be **downloaded online**.
Featured keynote speakers include National Cancer Institute's Center for Research Strategy director Dr. L. Michelle Bennett, interdisciplinarity expert Dr. Carl Herndl, and Peabody Award-winning producer, author, and TED speaker Ms. Julie Burstein.
Conference attendees who are not yet NORDP members receive a complimentary one-year membership with their registration! Prices go up at the end of April, so don't delay if you have interest!

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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