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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Happy Holidays
and
Best Wishes for Health, Happiness, and Prosperity in 2017!

Every time you tear a leaf off a calendar, you present a new place for new ideas and progress – **Charles Kettering**

Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man – **Benjamin Franklin**

RDO Team News and Outreach Activities

Would you like to inform your faculty of the menu of services and resources available through the RDO?
We are looking for opportunities to speak to groups of faculty to inform them of the programs and resources available through the RDO. Please contact us at rdoinfo@ucsf.edu if you think you could open a time slot for us to speak at your next faculty meeting.

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. The annual NORDP conference is scheduled for May 8-10 in Denver, CO and as is typical will offer the opportunities to share best practices, learn about trends, and network with colleagues. This year NORDP, in partnership with several industry partners will also offer a Research Development Leadership Forum targeting VCRs/VPRs, Assistant and Associate VCRs/VPRs, Deans,

and Assistant and Associate Deans for Research, and covering topics in strategic planning, research program evaluation, and research collaboration, to name a few. This could be especially valuable for those faculty and RD professionals who are new to such positions or who aspire to these roles. For more information, contact Gretchen Kiser (gretchen.kiser@ucsf.edu).

You might also like to check out the recent article in the journal *Science* highlighting research development as a career destination for PhD-trained researchers: http://www.sciencemag.org/careers/2016/10/being-enabler.

[RAP](): Resource Allocation Program

The RAP Fall 2016 Cycle is in the final stages! The results of the competition were published before the Winter Holiday break. All applicants, funded and not-funded, were notified and can access the reviews and final scores via the RAP portal. Additionally, all RAP Fall Cycle 2016 awardees will be published on the RAP website under 'Resources'.

Funding decisions are made independently by each funding agency based on several factors – scientific review score, alignment of proposal to funder's strategic goals, proposal research area of focus, and specifically called out eligibility or other requirements like membership in a center, affiliation with a specific school or relevance to a stated auxiliary topic.

We are gearing up for the new year and the next Call for Applications for the Spring 2017 Cycle will be launched on **Monday, January 30, 2017.** The submission deadline will be on **Monday, February 27, 2017**.

Grant offerings, application rules, eligibility criteria, and other requirements are subject to change from cycle to cycle.

Helpful information can be found on the RAP website. Please visit: Determine Eligibility and Compare Grants, How to Apply, Submission Rules, Resources.

If you are interested in setting up a meeting to learn more about RAP opportunities, don't hesitate to contact us at rap@ucsf.edu.

[SSP](): Special Strategic Projects

Call for proposals in early January for 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) in early 2016. As part of the programmatic goal to foster new and innovative collaborations, the RDO's Team Science for Research Innovation Program hosted the Marcus Mixer on October 13th. Dr. Joe DeRisi, the new co-president of the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative's Biohub, kicked off the event attended by a broad spectrum of researchers from health economics and policy, to meiosis, oncogene addiction, big data computation, and lots in-between. We hope that the October event seeded some interesting proposals for the 2017 call!

We will be releasing the 2017 call for proposals for the program on January 3, so look for the email or check the website for all the information.

LSP: Limited Submission Program

Current LSOs of note:

Internal Deadline	Sponsor	Opportunity Title
December 14, 2016	NIH NCI	PDX Data Commons and Coordinating Center (PDCCC) for the PDX Development and Trial Center Research Network (PDXNet)
December 14, 2016	CDC	Household Transmission of Influenza Viruses in the Community
December 14, 2016	CDC	Natural Experiments of Policy and Built Environment Impact on Diabetes Risk
December 29, 2016	St. Baldrick's Foundation	Multiple Programs

Important Links: More information about the LSP & Current LSO listings: rdo.ucsf.edu/LSP

LGDP: Large Grant Development Program

It was a very busy fall for the LGDP – who supported a U2C proposal to establish UCSF as the Central Hub for NIDDK's new Kidney Precision Medicine Project. Led by Dr. Minnie Sarwal, the proposal contained over 15 key personnel from UCSF, UCSD, Stanford University, University of Buffalo, Ohio State University, and Northrop Grumman.

100&Change Update: Last issue we described two UCSF-led proposals for The MacArthur Foundation's 100&Change.
1. Dean Schillinger and Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo proposed to eliminate Type 2 Diabetes in youth and young adults.
2. Keith Yamamoto and Robert Hiatt proposed a virtual community laboratory to focus on the origins of and solutions to health inequities for common cancers.

We learned last week that 1904 proposals were submitted to 100&Change and that 800, including both of the proposals above, will be judged by members of the evaluation panel. Stay tuned for further updates!

Funded Proposals: We are excited to announce the following LGDP-supported proposals were recently funded:
1. Pratik Mukerjee's CIAPM Demonstration Project: Artificial Intelligence for Imaging of Neurologic Emergencies: From Images to Precision Medicine
2. Nadav Ahituv's UM1 renewal: Massively parallel reporter assays and genome editing of ENCODE predicted regulatory elements
3. Craig Cohen's FACES renewal: Implementation and expansion of high quality, sustainable and comprehensive HIV prevention, care, and treatment to achieve 90-90-90 goals in Western Kenya

Will your team soon be developing a large, multi-investigator proposal like a: NIH P01, P30, U54; or a proposal for an Instrumentation Program (NSF MRI or NIH S10)? If so, our Large Grant Development Program (LGDP) can be with you every step of the way. Specifically, the LGDP (led by Dr. Kristin Dolan) can offer:

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

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.

We recently held a very successful event focused on "pain" that was attended by faculty whose research focuses on different types of pain, etiology of pain, therapeutics targeting pain, etc.

We are currently working with Dr. Tracey Woodruff and the Environmental Health Initiative team on an event titled **"Going public: risks and responsibilities of sharing your impactful science" for early February**. We're also in the early stage of planning an **event focused broadly on allergy**. If you are interested in participating or developing a separate networking event, please contact Gretchen at gretchen.kiser@ucsf.edu.

Research Development Internship Opportunity

The RDO is happy to have Dr. Sili Liu, a graduate student at UCSF, as a current RDO intern. Are you a graduate student or post-doc looking to explore a different career path for PhDs? Contact Gretchen Kiser gretchen.kiser@ucsf.edu in the RDO for information about an internship in research development.