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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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[LGDP](#): Large Grant Development Program

UCSF P30s: Learning from Each Other

On March 15th, the RDO hosted an interactive event for P30 directors and staff. The half-day event, titled “UCSF P30s: Learning from Each Other,” brought together representatives from 12 of the 14 UCSF P30 centers to share successful strategies and discuss ways to solve common challenges. A synopsis of the event is available [here](#).

Recently Supported Projects

The Large Grant Development Program recently assisted another U54 proposal, this time investigating the mechanisms of cancer drug resistance and sensitivity. If funded by the NCI, UCSF would become one of a network of Drug Resistance and Sensitivity Centers (DRSCs) to develop innovative strategies to study mechanisms of tumor resistance or sensitivity to anticancer therapy.

If your team will soon be developing a large, multi-investigator proposal, our Large Grant Development Program (LGDP) is here to help! Here are just some of the services that the LGDP, led by Dr. Kristin Dolan, can provide:

- Strategy and grantsmanship input
- 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. 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](#).

SSP: Special Strategic Projects

Marcus Program in Precision Medicine Innovation (MPPMI)

2017 proposals are now under review. Funding announcements are due by April 15th.

The Marcus Program in Precision Medicine Innovation (MPPMI) seeks 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. The MPPMI funds projects in two award categories, Seeding Bold Ideas, and Transformative Integrated Research. See the [MPPMI program website for details](#). Contact [Gretchen Kiser](#) if you have any questions.

Upcoming Marcus Program Symposium: April 18th – see more details below under *TSRIP Upcoming Events*.

UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences 2017 Trailblazer Award Program

Heads up to all neuroscience-focused researchers - the new funding cycle for the UCSF Weill Institute funding program will be announced before the end of April. Keep a look-out for it on the [RDO website](#)!

TSRIP: Team Science for Research Innovation Program

The TSRIP develops and facilitates intra- and extramural networking events enabling 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.

Recent Events

Last month we worked on two very different networking events, one a small and focused collaboration-building workshop for a group of **NeuroRehabilitation**-focused researchers, and on a large campus-wide event titled **“Going Public: Risks and Responsibilities of Sharing Your Impactful Science”**. In case you missed the “Going Public” event, click [here](#) to access resources, find an article about the event on the [Mercury News website](#), and read the UCSF Office of Sustainability’s report of the event and view the video recording by clicking [here](#).

Upcoming Events

1st Annual Marcus Award Symposium: The Marcus Program in Precision Medicine Innovation (MPPMI), in collaboration with the University Development and Alumni Relations, UCSF Precision Medicine Platform and the Research Development Office's Team Science for Research Innovation Program (TSRIP), is hosting the 1st Annual Marcus Award Symposium to celebrate the completion of the inaugural 2016 cycle of the Marcus Award Program. A selection of current awardees will give project updates and we will announce the 2017 cycle awardees at the event on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 from 3:00 – 6:00 pm on the Mission Bay Campus. For more information, please contact [Page Sorensen](#).

Stay tuned for a couple of events that we’re planning focused broadly on immunology. For the first event scheduled for June, TSRIP is working with the leadership of the Sandler Asthma Basic Research Group (SABRe) to develop and facilitate their leadership retreat. This asthma-specific event will feed into a broader, immunology-focused mini-conference later this year.

If you are interested in participating or developing a separate networking event, please contact [Page Sorensen](#).

RAP: Resource Allocation Program

The RAP Spring 2017 Cycle is in the proposal review phase!

We received a total of 236 applications. 38 applications will be reviewed independently by the Diabetes Center and by the Catalyst Program. 198 applications will go through the RAP review. The funding results will be available at the end of May.

The Process

The RAP review process utilizes 11 highly specialized standing review committees and draws from a large pool of UCSF faculty reviewers. We aim to match reviewer expertise with each proposal to provide a fair, rigorous, and transparent peer-reviewed process that will encourage and stimulate research. The review committees are organized by subject area. Proposals are reviewed by two faculty with expertise in a closely related field, and then discussed by the entire review panel. Proposals are scored according to the criteria listed in the descriptions for each mechanism.

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.

After the funding decisions are made, the funding agencies notify their respective awardees and RAP notifies the applicants who are not funded. At the end of each competition cycle, all Principal Investigators (PI1) receive reviews and final scores. Triaged proposals (not discussed) only receive the reviews. All post-award activities are handled by the funding agencies.

LSP: Limited Submission Program

Current LSOs of note:

Internal Deadline	Sponsor	Opportunity Title
April 11 th , 2017	American Diabetes Association	Pathway to Stop Diabetes
April 26 th , 2017	V Foundation	BRCA 1,2 Research Collaborative Grants: Convergence Team & Translational Categories

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

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.

Don't forget upcoming events to advocate for research, science and diversity!

Here's a list of UCSF events relative to the April 22 [March for Science](#):

- ["Stand Up for Science" Teach-In](#), April 22, (8-10 a.m.) Mission Bay, The teach-in will be available via livestream. [RSVP to attend this event](#).
- ["Stand Up for Science" Rally](#), April 22, (10-10:45 a.m.) Mission Bay, Connect with other members of the local life sciences community to speak out for our shared values of diversity and inclusion in advancing scientific discovery. [RSVP to attend the rally](#).
- [UCSF Advocacy Day](#), April 24. For those traveling to the Washington, D.C., for the April 22 march, you're invited to meet with key members of the California Congressional delegation to advocate for biomedical research and other policies that are of critical importance to our community.
- [10th Annual Chancellor's Diversity Leadership Forum](#), April 27, Join campus leadership for a panel discussion on fostering a culture of diversity and inclusion in science.

More than [30 satellite marches are listed for California](#) alone, including ones in [San Francisco](#) as well as Oakland, San Jose, Santa Rosa and Livermore. Details are still being worked out, so stay alert for updates on the [event website](#).

UCSF Clinical Trials Day

The RDO will be participating in CTSI's 2017 UCSF Clinical Trials Day on Monday, May 15, 2017 at Mission Bay (Oberndorf Auditorium) and on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at Parnassus (Milberry Union, Golden Gate/City Lights Rooms). Both events will be held from 2 – 4 pm. Stop by to meet Clinical Research Partners from OCR, CRS, IRB, CTSI, APeX, RMS, RDO, CGA and the CRC Council.

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 **9th 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 Enterprise 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](#).

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>.

Research Development Internship Opportunity

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.

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