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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3TS: T32 Trainee Tracking Program

The 3TS program continues to provide support to programs with training grant data management needs and grant renewals. **The next T32 grant renewal submission is May 25**.

The **T32 Program Administrators breakfast meeting** was held in March and had great attendance. The meeting was held on both Parnassus and Mission Bay campuses.

The 3TS program will continue to post information regarding NIH training grant notifications on the **T32 Administrators Group Chatter** page. Not yet a member? You can join by sending a request via the T32 Administrators Group Chatter page or contact Halima Mohammed Todd at Halima.Mohammed@ucsf.edu . We are here to support and guide you through your T32 grants submissions process.

Type of Grant	Program Description	Upcoming Renewal Dates
T Series	*Institutional* National Research Service Awards Other Training Grants. To enable institutions to make National Research Service Awards to individuals selected by them for predoctoral and postdoctoral research training in specified shortage areas.	- May 25

LSP: Limited Submission Program

Current LSOs of note:

Internal Deadline	Sponsor	Opportunity Title
April 20th, 2018	National Science Foundation	Computer and Information Science and Engineering Research Infrastructure
April 26th, 2018	New York Academy of Sciences	Innovators in Science Award
April 29th, 2018	Phi Beta Psi Sorority	Cancer Research Program
April 29th, 2018	Brain Research Foundation	Scientific Innovations Award
April 30th, 2018	NIH Common Fund	Director's Early Independence Awards

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

TSP: Team Science Program

The TSP 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.

Updates

We are widening our program scope to include a new focus on supporting the collaborative efforts of UCSF Centers and Institutes. If you manage a UCSF group with a mission that includes team building activities or you would like to add such activities to a new grant or renewal, get in touch with us! We can help design and produce team building activities that will further your mission.

Upcoming Events

In the Mix: In partnership with San Francisco State University (SFSU) Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, we've created a quarterly event series to foster cross-institutional collaboration between UCSF and SFSU. Each event will have a different theme. The theme the next event is 'Broader Impacts'. This event will be held on May 3rd 2018 at the UCSF Parnassus campus. We will welcome Drs. Wallace Marshall, Mark Chan, and Frank Bayliss from the cross-institutional Center for Cellular Construction, an NSF Science and Technology Center, to speak about the Center's outreach efforts and broader impacts. This Center, whose mission is to turn cell biology into an engineering discipline by learning how to engineer the physical structure and interactions of living cells, represents one of several successful collaborations between UCSF and SFSU. Please register here to attend this event.

If you are building a team or interested in developing a networking event, please contact Page Sorensen.

LGDP: Large Grant Development Program

Large Grant Support
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 can provide:
- Strategy and grantsmanship input
- Project management of the proposal preparation process
- Technical writing and editing

Please note that Kristin Dolan, program manager of LGDP, is out on leave until mid-May, 2018.

SSP: Special Strategic Projects

The RDO hosted a team from Digital Science, a technology company that provides a suite of research analytic tools, for an informational seminar followed by hands-on deeper-dive workshops on three of their tools – Elements, Dimensions, and Figshare. We will continue to seek ways to support data-driven decision-making at UCSF.

Marcus Program in Precision Medicine Innovation
We are excited to announce that George and Judy Marcus will fund another year of the Marcus Program in Precision Medicine Innovation. We are currently developing the RFA, likely to be similar to last year's. We are targeting a submission deadline of June 10, 2018. Stay tuned for details on the RDO website!

RAP: Resource Allocation Program

The 11 RAP review committees are currently reviewing the 189 proposals received for the Spring 2018 Cycle.

The Spring 2018 Cycle results will be available by the end of May, 2018. Funding agencies notify their own awardees and begin taking care of the post award process. Applicants not selected for funding will be notified via the RAP portal. All applicants, funded and not funded, will receive written reviews and final scores through an email notification sent via the RAP portal. The above information will remain available on the applicants' dashboard. Triaged (not discussed) proposals will only show comments and no scores. Proposals can be triaged with committee's full approval when initial scores are respectively 4 and 5 or higher numbers. RAP scoring system is like the NIH 1-9, one being the best and 9 the lowest score.

All funding award decisions are final and the name of the awardees and their success stories are published on the RAP website to encourage researchers' networking.

RAP has recently conducted satisfaction surveys that include applicants and consortium stakeholders. We appreciate all who participated in this effort and thank you for your invaluable feedback! The Program is poised to improve based on the survey results. Our FAQs webpage will be updated to reflect the input received, and key elements, clarifying the application and review process, will be incorporated.

The next call for applications starts Monday, August 20, 2018, and the deadline to submit the electronic proposal is Monday, September 17, 2018 at 2pm (PDT). Over the summer, RAP Central will work with the funding agencies to update the grant offerings. Be sure to check back on August 20 to learn about the latest changes on the RAP website.

RDO Updates and Outreach Activities

New edition to our RDO family!
We are so excited to announce the latest addition to the RDO family – Evelyn Mary Dolan, born January 12th to proud parents, Kristin and Greg Dolan. We wish them all the best!

RDO Grant Templates and Guides
Did you know that all UCSF staff and faculty have access to a library of grant template text? If not, we encourage you to check it out! Do you have suggestions of other templates to add, or see something that needs to be updated? Please let us know by emailing rdoinfo@ucsf.edu.

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.

RDO Events Calendar
We've just started listing our various events on the UCSF Calendar. Check it out!

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 National Organization of Research Development Professionals (NORDP).

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.