

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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[BTIR](#): Building Teams for Innovative Research

The Building Teams for Innovative Research (BTIR) Program facilitates and fosters intramural, extramural multi-investigator and multi-disciplinary collaboration efforts. Services and programs include the facilitation of brain-storming sessions, coordinating research-specific workshops, and speed-networking events. If you are interested in resources around collaborative research team building, please visit [Build a Team](#) or contact the [RDO](#).

[LGDP](#): Large Grant Development Program

Project grants are, by necessity, complex in nature and may present obstacles during the proposal development stage that investigators are not used to encountering. The RDO can help investigators navigate through the rough waters of developing and preparing proposals, such as 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. The PhD-trained staff of our Large, multi-investigator Grant Development Program (LGDP) can be with you every step of the way, from the initial scientific brainstorm sessions to the later stages of writing and editing. Specifically, we offer:

- Project management of the proposal development and preparation process, including timeline development and tracking, and liaising with the funding agency or Research Management Services
- Access to a library of template language for grant proposals
- Technical writing and editing

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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](#).

LSP: Limited Submission Program

The Limited Submission Program (LSP) manages all extramural funding opportunities that either: 1) limit the number of applications UCSF may put forward for any given sponsor; or 2) require some kind of internal coordination (e.g., to avoid unnecessary duplication of instrument requests). Such opportunities are called limited submission opportunities (LSOs). The LSP is responsible for notifying the campus of these opportunities, coordinating the internal review and selection process, and notifying all applicants of outcomes.

Policy Updates and Reminders:

- **New internal deadline**: the internal deadline for all LSOs is now 10am (no longer 3pm).
- Pre-proposal application packets and LOIs submitted to the LSP after the 10am deadline for any given opportunity will not be considered for review.

Helpful Links:

- Current LSOs: <http://osr.ucsf.edu/content/limited-submission-program-lsp#current-lsos>
 - Calendar of Recurring LSOs: <http://osr.ucsf.edu/content/limited-submission-program-lsp#calendar-of-recurring-lsos>
 - More information about the LSP: <http://osr.ucsf.edu/content/limited-submission-program-lsp#more-about-the-lsp>
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Other Funding Opportunities

Some private foundations send the Chancellor or the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost invitations to compete for funding through their foundations. Or, NSF might have an initiative that is of particular strategic interest on campus but might not typically be on a PI's radar. For such cases, we maintain a [table](#) listing these opportunities by submission due date. If you have questions, please contact rdoinfo@ucsf.edu.

PIVOT: Funding Opportunity Database Training

- PIVOT is one of the most comprehensive searchable funding opportunities database available with over 40,000 funding opportunities that are private,

federal, and international in nature.

- Pivot is free to all faculty, staff, and students.
- The RDO and the Library are both pleased to offer monthly Pivot-user trainings for faculty, staff, postdocs and students.

RDO (targeting faculty and staff)

Parnassus: May 13; September 8; November 10

Mission Bay: April 7; June 9; October 13; December 8

To register, contact Gail Fisher: gail.fisher@ucsf.edu

UCSF Library (targeting primarily postdocs and students)

Parnassus Library: April 14

Mission Bay - Mission Hall Hub: Pop-up (individual consultation) session (UCSF affiliates), April 15

For future Pivot trainings and Pop-up sessions, please check the [Class schedule](#).

Contact: [Min-Lin Fang](#) for more information

RAP: Resource Allocation Program

RAP received 204 applications for the Spring 2015 Cycle - applications are currently under review and the results will be available at the end of May.

New this Cycle:

- **RAP Electronic Application Platform**: Applicants were able to submit full applications using a newly customized electronic application system. This system will be further developed over the next several months to include an on-line review process.
- **NEW Grant Mechanisms offered this Cycle:**
 - ***Independence Support Award***. This award, sponsored by the Academic Senate and REAC, supports investigators who have not yet received NIH R01 or similar funding.
 - ***Grant for Underfunded Cancer Research***. Sponsored by the Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center (HDFCCC) and Kure It Cancer Research, this award supports researchers conducting innovative research projects to better treat kidney and other orphan or rare cancers.
- **Expanded Eligibility:**
 - The Post-Childbearing Award is now called ***New Child Leave Award*** and is available to male investigators and adoptive parents, as well as to childbearing women.

SSP: Special Strategic Projects

Tri-Institutional Partnership (TriP):

Similar in nature to the team-building support described above, the RDO supports strategic projects for the VCR and EVCP. For example, we support the on-going collaborative activities of the TriP, a collaborative partnership established in 2014 between Berkeley, LBNL and UCSF. In step with the White House BRAIN Initiative, our inaugural local TriP program – BayBRAIN – is focused on neurotechnology and neuroscience. We are continuing this valuable collaborative effort while also expanding the focus area into others along the precision medicine continuum.

DARPA/BTO – UCSF Funding Opportunity Pipeline:

Keith Yamamoto, UCSF's Vice Chancellor for Research has negotiated with the leadership of the Defense Advanced Research Projects (DARPA) Biological Technologies Office (BTO) to establish a direct pipeline for exceptional, innovative UCSF ideas to reach funding decision-makers at the BTO. The SSP team is supporting this pipeline program.
