

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](#): Resource Allocation Program

RAP Spring 2015 Cycle is nearly complete: 204 applications were submitted using our new electronic application module. Of the 204 proposals that went through the full RAP review process, **67 were funded for a total of \$2,575,641!** *Notifications are still in progress.* Applications sent in response to mechanisms that use independent review (46 in total this cycle) are still in progress.

- Full statistics for this Cycle will be posted on the [website](#) by July 2015.
- RAP is currently:
 - Updating the [RAP Application](#) Website and making improvements based on feedback from users this cycle. Please send any comments you might have to rap.ucsf.edu
 - Building the **new electronic RAP Review Module**, to be rolled-out for the Fall 2015 cycle
 - Discussing grant mechanism changes for future cycles—as with every cycle, grant mechanisms are subject to change. All final updates and changes for next cycle will be posted on the [RAP Website](#) on **August 17th, 2015**

[LSP](#): Limited Submission Program

- **NOTICE:** [Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Awards for Medical Scientists \(CAMS\)](#): This opportunity no longer limits the number of applications submitted per institution; therefore the Limited Submission Program will not

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be announcing this opportunity. If you are interested in applying, please refer directly to the foundation's instructions via the link above.

- Sarah E. Nelson (Sarah.Nelson2@ucsf.edu) has officially taken over the helm of the Limited Submission Program within the Research Development Office (RDO). Gail Fisher, who developed and has been managing this robust and valuable campus program, will continue to be indirectly involved but is now focusing on further developing the RDO Building Teams for Innovative Research (BTIR) program.
- Limited submission opportunities (LSOs) are announced over the Limited Subs Listserv (limitedsubs.listserv.ucsf.edu). If you would like to be added to this list to receive notifications of these opportunities directly, please email your request to Sarah.Nelson2@ucsf.edu.
- A few highlights of the recent opportunities offered through the LSP:
 - American Diabetes Association – Pathway to Stop Diabetes
 - Hellman Fellows Fund (10 awardees)
 - W.M. Keck Foundation – Medical Research Program & Science and Engineering Program

Important Links:

- Current LSO listings: <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>

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.

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Faculty and Staff

Parnassus: September 8; November 10

Mission Bay: June 15; October 13; December 8

Contact: [Gail Fisher](#) for more information

UCSF Library

Postdocs and Students

Parnassus Library: [June 17](#)

Mission Bay: [July 15](#)

Mission Bay - Mission Hall [Hub](#): Pop-up (individual consultation) session (UCSF affiliates), [June 18](#); [July 16](#)

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

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

SSP: Special Strategic Projects

Tri-Institutional Partnership (TriP):

The RDO supports strategic projects for the VCR and EVCP. One such on-going collaborative is the Tri-Institutional Partnership (TriP) - a collaborative research partnership established in 2014 between Berkeley, LBNL and UCSF. In step with the White House BRAIN Initiative, our inaugural TriP program – BayBRAIN – is focused on neurotechnology and neuroscience. We are currently assessing progress of the 6 BRAINseed pilot awards (totaling \$1.5M) funded last year through this program. In addition, we have a BayBRAIN Industry Day slated for the fall – more information will come soon.

We are continuing this valuable collaborative partnership and plan to expand the reach in 2016 into new avenues such as microbiome research.

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 program Advisory Team, UCSF colleagues who have a deeper understanding of what DARPA is looking to fund, has just finished providing live feedback to the teams that submitted to this inaugural call. This feedback related to the projects' relative impact, innovation, and fit to DARPA BTO's interests. The next step is that some of these fantastic ideas will be submitted to the BTO leadership in the next month.

Other Funding Opportunities

The RDO maintains a [table](#) listing “other” funding opportunities that come to our attention through UCSF leadership. These are listed by submission due date and kept up-to-date. Please take a look if you looking for additional funding initiatives and contact the [RDO](#) with any questions.

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 seed-funding events.

If you are interested in resources around collaborative research team building especially participating in speed-networking/seed-funding events, please contact the [RDO](#).

LGDP: Large Grant Development Program

The PhD-trained staff of our Large, multi-investigator Grant Development Program (LGDP) can be with you every step of the way in developing your large grant proposal - from the initial scientific brainstorm sessions and strategy input, to project management of the proposal and the later stages of writing and editing.

GRANT TEMPLATE LIBRARY: All UCSF staff and faculty can access an exclusive grant template text library, managed by the RDO and hosted on a UCSF Library Guides [page](#).
