

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.

An Introduction to the RDO

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Don't forget Faculty Development Day on September 10th!
The Research Development Office will have a table at the Resource Kiosk.

[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.

"Attending the speed networking event sponsored by the Research Development Office was an outstanding opportunity to meet amazing researchers in both clinical and basic science fields and match up interests in a fun, low pressure environment. This event put me in contact with two researchers that have turned into two of my most productive and fun collaborators. For one of these collaborations, we successfully applied for a seed grant (also sponsored by the RDO and related to the event!) which supported some preliminary data that has turned into a very interesting story and research direction on drug development and target validation in urinary stone disease. This subsequently led to two additional grant applications and we have built a team looking at interesting ways to treat kidney stones. My hope is that speed networking events like this can be a regular part of the UCSF scientific community."

*Tom Chi, Assistant Professor
Department of Urology*

The TSRIP is actively scheduling events. If you are interested in participating in these events or developing other department-specific or collaborative research team

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building activities, please contact gail.fisher@ucsf.edu.

RAP: Resource Allocation Program

RAP Spring Cycle review is complete. Applicants have been notified of results. RAP reviewed 158 applications and made 71 awards for the Spring 2015 cycle; 45% of the grants reviewed were awarded. Thanks to the combined efforts of multiple funding agencies, a total of \$2,575,641 was distributed to UCSF researchers. For more details and to find out the names of the awardees go to "[Resources](#)" on the RAP website. RAP also facilitated grant submission to programs with independent review (CTSI-Catalyst, Diabetes Research Center, Grant for Underfunded Cancer Research). Forty six applications were submitted to those programs.

- [Statistics](#) for the Spring Cycle are posted on the website
 - RAP is currently:
 - Making improvements to the Application Portal based on feedback from users. Please send any comments you might have to rap@ucsf.edu
 - Testing the new electronic RAP Review Module, to be rolled-out in the Fall 2015 Cycle
 - Updating grant mechanisms offered for the Fall 2015 Cycle. All final updates and changes for the upcoming funding cycle will be posted on the RAP Website on August 17th, 2015
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LSP: Limited Submission Program

A few highlights of the recent opportunities offered through the LSP:

- Searle Scholars
- Pew Charitable Foundation
 - Pew-Stewart Scholars Program for Cancer Research
 - Pew Scholars Program in the Biomedical Sciences
- NIH – NHGRI Genome Sequencing Program Analysis Centers (U01)

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>
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SSP: Special Strategic Projects

Tri-Institutional Partnership (TriP):

The RDO supports strategic projects for the VCR and EVCP, such as the on-going Tri-Institutional Partnership (TriP) - a collaborative research partnership established in 2014 between Berkeley, LBNL and UCSF. In step with the White House BRAIN Initiative, the inaugural TriP program – BayBRAIN – is focused on neurotechnology and neuroscience. We are currently following the \$1.5M pilot seed funding program (BRAINseed) with the BayBRAIN Neurotechnology Industry Day, which will bring together neurotechnology researchers and industry partners to exchange ideas with the ultimate goal to collaboratively develop bold enabling technologies for neuroscience instrumentation, computation, and medical devices.

Join us for this Industry Day on the afternoon of November 5, 2015 to hear about the latest BayBRAIN neurotechnologies, learn about industry trends and how to work with each other, and network with colleagues in complementary fields. We are also very excited to announce that Nobel Laureate Dr. Stanley Prusiner will be giving the keynote address. Register here if you are interested in participating: baybrain-neurotechnology-industry-day.eventbrite.com.

We are in the preliminary steps of initiating the second TriP program, which will be focused on the microbiome and host interaction. Stay tuned to the RDO website for more information as it unfolds.

DARPA/BTO – UCSF Funding Opportunity Pipeline:

Keith Yamamoto, UCSF's Vice Chancellor for Research negotiated a unique partnership 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.

In the recent inaugural pipeline cycle, 22 proposal teams met with the program Advisory Team and eight highly innovative DARPA-aligned proposals were subsequently submitted to DARPA BTO leadership and are awaiting response.

We will continue the program with rolling deadlines 3 times a year – the next deadline is September 30th. Check the RDO website for [more details](#).

LGDP: Large Grant Development Program

The LGDP is pleased to welcome a new lead for this program – Kristin Dolan (Matulich). Dr. Dolan joins to us fresh from earning her PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from the University of California Irvine. In addition, she has experience with large grant preparation in a research development office context and, importantly, she has a professional certification in grant-writing.

The PhD-trained staff of our multi-investigator, Large 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.

If you have the need for large grant development assistance, please contact Dr. Dolan at kristin.dolan@ucsf.edu. (And don't forget to welcome her to UCSF!)

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](#).

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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Trainings for Faculty and Staff

- **Parnassus:** November 10
- **Mission Bay:** October 13; December 8
- **Contact:** [Gail Fisher](#) for more information

UCSF Library

Trainings for Postdocs and Students

- **Parnassus Library:** TBD
 - **Mission Bay:** [September 29](#)
 - **Mission Bay - Mission Hall Hub:** Pop-up (individual consultation) session (UCSF affiliates), [August 13](#); [September 30](#)
 - For future Pivot trainings and Pop-up sessions, please check the [Class schedule](#).
 - Contact: [Min-Lin Fang](#) for more information.
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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 check it out if you're looking for additional funding initiatives and contact the [RDO](#) with any questions.

Internship Opening @ RDO

The intern will work closely with an RDO program team leader to support a variety of program activities.

The job may include:

- Manage complex tasks and projects involving multiple deadlines and stakeholders/decision-makers
- Manage logistics for grant proposal development process or grant review process involving internal and external partners
- Contribute to programmatic website maintenance and improvement
- Drafting correspondence targeting different audiences
- Maintain programmatic database(s) and prepare program reports, including metric measurement presentations
- Up to 10 hrs/wk; 6 month minimum: 1 mo training period (no stipend)

Qualifications:

- PhD degree or equivalent preferred
- Significant attention to detail and ability to uphold high standards
- Strong analytical skills and ability to think critically
- Excellent time management skills and ability to meet deadlines
- Ability to get up-to-speed quickly
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to work independently and with a team
- Strong problem solving skills
- Fluency in written and oral English
- PC literate; excellent word processing skills; proficient in Microsoft Office Suite

Location: UCSF-Mission Bay (partially remote is possible)

Work Days: M-F, 10 hr/wk

Position Type: Part Time

Stint Commitment: 6 months

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