

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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RDO Staff Update:

The RDO would like to let our campus partners know that Gail Fisher will be leaving UCSF on October 14th. She has been offered a fantastic opportunity outside of UCSF as Deputy Director of a newly formed non-profit organization, The BRCA Foundation. If you have a chance, I hope you will join us in wishing her well in her new adventure.

Gail has definitely left her mark on UCSF and the RDO, specifically: the development of a strong and valuable Limited Submissions Program, her effective Pivot training program, her efforts to raise the RDO's visibility, and her creative work on our emerging Team Science program. She will be sorely missed but we're happy for her for this new opportunity.

Please note that with Gail's leaving, all Pivot database-use training for staff and faculty will now take place through the Library (see below).

[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.

The TSRIP is actively scheduling networking events beyond mid-January 2016. If you

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are interested in participating or developing a networking event, please contact gretchen.kiser@ucsf.edu.

The BayBRAIN Neurotechnology Industry Day is a current **Special Strategic Project** within the TSRIP. The event 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 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.

The event is free but registration is required. We are near capacity but there are a few tickets left. If you're interested, please register [here](#).

Industry Day one of the projects under BayBRAIN – a program under the Tri-Institutional Partnership (TriIP) between UC Berkeley, UC San Francisco, and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, formed to leverage each other's strengths to spark innovation in collaborative neurotechnology research.

RAP: Resources Allocation Program

Review of the RAP Fall 2015 cycle is underway. RAP received a total of 171 submissions, 23 of which will go through independent review, and the remaining 148 will be reviewed by the 10 RAP review committees using the new RAP electronic review portal.

The online review will simplify the workflow for all users and allow applicants, at the end of each competition, to access their reviews directly on their dashboard by simply logging into the system.

The results of the RAP Fall 2015 cycle will be available before the winter break.

LSP: Limited Submission Program

October 29, 2015: Annual LSP Advisory Committee meeting will take place. The committee will discuss and determine important LSP policy and procedure updates, to be managed and implemented over the coming year.

- 2015-2016 Advisory Committee Member Roster:
 - Danica Galonic Fujimori, Chair, PhD
 - Sophie DuMont, PhD
 - Hana El-Samad, PhD

- Michael Fischbach, PhD
- Bo Huang, PhD
- John Imboden, JR, MD
- Mark Moasser, MD
- Vineeta Singh, MD

In an ongoing effort to keep the Academic Senate updated and informed on the goals, policies, and procedures of the LSP, the program will be presenting to the Academic Senate Committee on Research on November 16th 2015.

Current LSOs of note:

Internal Deadline	Sponsor	Opportunity Title
10/28/2015	Brain Research Foundation	Seed Grant Program
10/29/2015	Mallinckrodt Foundation	Scholars Program
11/10/2015	Rita Allen Foundation	Scholars Program
11/18/2015	Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation	Clinical Investigator Award

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>

LGDP: Large Grant Development Program

September was a whirlwind for the LGDP, including among others, the big CTSA renewal grant (U54) and another U54 led by Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo to establish a collaborative center for health disparities research focused on precision medicine. Will you soon be developing a large, complex proposal like a: 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? If so, the RDO can help! The PhD-trained manager of our Large Grant Development Program (LGDP), Dr. Kristin Dolan, can be with you every step of the way. Specifically, the LGDP can offer:

- Strategy input and participation in science discussions
- 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

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](#).

PIVOT:

Searchable Funding Opportunities 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 Library continues to offer monthly Pivot-user trainings for postdocs and students, and will now also offer these for faculty and staff.

UCSF Library

Parnassus Library: October 15; December 21

Mission Bay: (class of 15) November 9

Mission Bay - Mission Hall Hub: Pop-up (individual consultation) session (UCSF affiliates), October 16; November 10; December 22

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

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

Other Funding Opportunities

We keep a list of a few “one-off” funding opportunities that come to us through various means. Please check these out through the link above.

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.

Research Development (RD) professionals work to ensure that when institutional resources are deployed to seek external funding or partnerships for knowledge creation or mobilization; that these activities are as strategic and efficient as possible so as to maximize the likelihood that the best ideas with the best chances for ultimate success are recognized and supported with the finite support available.

The **National Organization of Research Development Professionals (NORDP)** is the only professional organization dedicated to the field of research development,

offering members a comprehensive annual conference, professional training as well as access to tools and resources, mentoring, and networking opportunities. Founded in 2009, NORDP is an international organization of RD professionals, who come from universities, colleges, museums, research centers, government agencies, independent laboratories and institutes, and for-profit consultancy and resource businesses — and play an increasingly important role in the strategic deployment of university and other resources. RD professionals are largely (~90%) Ph.D. and Master's-level experts who work directly with investigators, central administrations, corporate and foundation relations, university federal relations, and officers at government agencies to help organizations attract extramural research funding, increase institutional competitiveness, create research relationships, and foster innovation.

If these descriptions strike a chord with you, the UCSF RDO encourages you to check out [NORDP](#). You might find a valuable peer group!

Internship Opening @ RDO

The intern will work closely with an RDO program team leader to support a variety of program activities and learn many valuable aspect of research administration. Such an internship can be quite valuable whether a trainee stays on an academic track or intends to pursue a different path.

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 candidate 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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