Research Development Office

The UCSF RDO Research Services Survey is in the process of being analyzed and summarized now. Results will be available soon.

UCSF Initiative for Digital Transformation in Computational Biology and Health Data Science [1] and Computational Innovator Opps FAQs [2]

2021 Inaugural pilot grant for anti-racism research [3]

RAP 2021 Spring cycle funding decisions have been made [4]

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The Research Development Office (RDO) serves as the strategic nexus of research and research administration to promote, support, strengthen, and grow the research enterprise at UCSF. Working with faculty, administration staff, and leadership partners, the RDO seeks to attract extramural research funding, increase institutional competitiveness, create research relationships, and foster innovation.
The RDO is home to the **Resource Allocation Program (RAP)** [5], which manages the dissemination, submission, review and award of various intramural funding opportunities, and the **Limited Submission Program (LSP)** [6], which manages the dissemination, solicitation and selection of proposals for limited submission funding opportunities. Additionally, the RDO fosters and facilitates scientific collaborations between internal and external research teams through its **Team Science Program (TSP)** [7] and supports proposal development for large, multi-investigator project grants in its **Large Grant Development Program (LGDP)** [8]. The **T32 Trainee Tracking Program** [9] supports faculty and staff in preparation of T32 grant renewals. As a service- and solutions-oriented team, the RDO operates with integrity, professionalism, and respect for those with whom we work within and outside of UCSF.

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**What is Research Development?**

Universities, colleges, research centers, and institutes are central players in the networks of coordinated activity that result in the creation and mobilization of knowledge. As these activities have reached ever higher levels of complexity, research development has taken on an increasingly important role in the strategic deployment and coordination of university and other networked resources in the service of knowledge creation and mobilization. The Research Development (RD) professional works 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.

(Adapted from content on the website for the National Organization of Research Development Professionals (NORDP [10]))

Further information: "Research Development as a Strategic Imperative" [11] by Christina Paxson, President, Brown University, 4/29/19

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**RDO Programs**

**Resource Allocation Program (RAP)** [5]

RAP is a campus-wide program that manages the dissemination, submission, review and award of various intramural funding opportunities. The seed-funding grants are offered twice per year: in the **Spring** (online application submission begins in January) and in the **Fall** (online application submission begins in August). Click here [5] for more information.

**Limited Submissions Program (LSP)** [6]

The LSP is responsible for the management of extramural funding opportunities that limit the number of applications UCSF may put forward to a given sponsor or require some other kind
of internal coordination (e.g., to eliminate unnecessary duplication of instrument requests).

**Large Grants Development Program** [8]

A "large grant" is one for which the allowable budget exceeds $1M per year in direct costs or the research involves multiple investigators and scientific/administrative components. LGDP staff support every step of the proposal process for large grants, including early-stage scientific discussions, timeline development, the collection and writing of common institutional language, late-stage technical editing, and proofreading.

**T32 Trainee Tracking Program** [9]

The Trainee Tracking Program supports faculty and staff in actively preparing for T32 grant renewals by helping to prepare the required data tables, as well as by uploading current and historical program data into NIH xTract.

**Special Strategic Projects (SSPs)** [12]

SSPs involve facilitating cross-institutional research collaborations or donor proposal development, as well as supporting campus-wide initiatives such as our Precision Medicine Initiative. This program also includes outreach activities with other research development and research administration partners within UCSF, UC and across the nation.

**Team Science Program (TSP)** [7]

The TSP fosters and supports team science efforts across campus and between our campus and other partners. The program offers a variety of services aimed at stimulating multi-investigator, multi-disciplinary efforts, from producing team-building events to supporting administrative needs of new teams.