

UCSF May Submit 2 Applications, 1 per Program

Internal Deadline: NOON, Tuesday, May 20, 2025

PLEASE FORWARD THIS ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL APPROPRIATE FACULTY AND RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS

WHAT:

- The W.M. Keck Foundation Medical Research Program
- The W.M. Keck Foundation Science & Engineering Program
- (<https://www.wmkeck.org/research-overview/>)

Note: You will identify the program for which you believe your project is most appropriate. Science & Engineering applications should prioritize technological impact in engineering/science fields — projects with a biomedical application are **not** eligible for the Science and Engineering program.

PURPOSE:

- To advance the frontiers of medicine, science, and engineering to benefit humanity by supporting pioneering high-risk/high-impact research projects.
- Keck is looking for high-risk, novel, unique projects that have potentially transformative, large, broad impact across many fields. Proposals should not be disease-specific and should not be federally fundable (unless possibly by a Pioneer or similar award).

ELIGIBILITY:

- Senior or early career investigators performing basic (not clinical) research. Collaborations are welcome.
- Projects must be distinctive, novel, pushing the edge of the field or questioning the prevailing paradigm.
- Support is for pioneering biological, science, and engineering research and the development of breakthrough technologies, methodologies, and/or instrumentation.
- Projects should fall outside the mission of public funding agencies (NIH, NSF), demonstrating that private philanthropy, generally, and the W.M. Keck Foundation, in particular, is essential to the project's success. Investigators must provide proof, in the form of comments/feedback from a rejected proposal or a conversation with a federal program officer, that their project is too “risky” to be eligible for funding from traditional sources (NIH or NSF). While the LSP does not require this documentation at the internal competition phase, selected candidates will be required to present it at the Phase 1 stage.

BUDGET AND PROJECT PERIOD REQUIREMENTS:

- Budget: \$1,000,000 - \$1,300,000
 - Not allowed: indirect costs, tuition, PI support exceeding 10% annual salary, or renovation costs exceeding 10% of total request
- Project period: typically 3 years, though 2 is acceptable.
 - Rationale must be provided if 4 years are requested.

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS UCSF MAY SUBMIT: 2 Applications, 1 per Program

QUESTIONS:

- Regarding the W.M. Keck Foundation: Melanie Derynck, Senior Director, Corporate & Foundation Relations, 415-476-6253 or Melanie.Derynck@ucsf.edu
- Regarding the internal review process: Amanda Yu, LSP Program Manager, LimitedSubmissions@ucsf.edu

DUE DATES:

- **Internal deadline: NOON, Tuesday, May 20, 2025.** Pls submit directly to the LSP; RMS does not get involved unless and until you are nominated.

Submit the following in ONE PDF file by NOON, May 20, to limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu:

1. Limited Submission Pre-proposal Cover Sheet with signatures (form attached to email)
2. NIH Bio-sketch (5-pg. max., including publications)
(<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch-blank-format-rev-10-2021.docx>)
3. 1-page maximum concept paper providing the following:
 - Overview of the research proposed emphasizing any unique aspects and pilot studies
 - Brief description of the key personnel and methodologies
 - Brief justification of the need for *Keck support specifically* (as opposed to federal funding)
 - Estimated budget broken down, if possible, by major areas, e.g., personnel, equipment, consumable supplies, etc. (Budgets can be brief, rough approximations at this stage.)
 - Other germane details (e.g., background to put the research into perspective, description of the institution's prominence in the field, etc.), space allowing
 - **Concept paper format requirements, no exceptions:**
 - 12-pt font and 1-inch margins, 1 page maximum.
 - Avoid illustrations; use all available space for text
 - If a reference is necessary, abbreviate it as, e.g.: (*Science*, 323, 45, '11)

To qualify for UCSF Limited Submission Program opportunities, applicants must have a paid UCSF appointment either at the time of application or anticipated by the time of award.

The LSP is a selection process, not an award process. As the LSP is under significant time constraints, all reviewer feedback is optional. We encourage you to seek other avenues for proposal feedback.

For information on all current LSOs, please visit: <http://rdo.ucsf.edu/limited-submission-program-lsp>

Sent by Amanda Yu on behalf of the Research Development Office (RDO), Limited Submissions Program (LSP).