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*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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## **SSP: Special Strategic Projects**

The UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences, established recently by the extraordinary generosity of Joan and Sanford I. Weill, seeks to fuel innovation in neuroscience by fostering high risk, high impact, clinical/translational research through funding of highly meritorious research projects and supporting high-potential neuroscience researchers, both enabling investigators to pursue ideas that might not be easily fundable by other mechanisms.

The Program in Neuroscience Innovation invites applications for funding in two independent mechanisms:

### **UCSF Weill Neurosciences Innovation Award**

- These awards enable significant trans-disciplinary neuroscience research projects that move the needle toward patient-relevant solutions;
- Up to 3 new awards will be awarded each year in 2016 and 2017, and thereafter dependent on funding;
- Up to \$600,000 (total costs) for up to a 3-year project period.

### **UCSF Weill Neurosciences Scholar Award**

- These awards support salary, or any other research need, of neuroscience-focused faculty to enable these research innovators to conduct innovative research of high patient impact;
- Up to 6 awards will be granted each year in 2016 and 2017, and thereafter dependent on funding;
- Up to \$100,000 (total costs) for one year.

For more information, check out <http://rdo.ucsf.edu/call-proposal-ucsf-weill-institute-neurosciences-program>.

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## **RAP: Resources Allocation Program**

The review of the RAP Spring 2016 Cycle is completed and written feedback has been distributed to applicants. The combined results of Fall 2015 and Spring 2015 show that 374 applications were submitted to RAP this year, 47 of which were reviewed independently by the CTSI-Catalyst Program and the Diabetes Center.

327 proposals were reviewed by RAP review committees. The funding agencies, part of the RAP consortium, awarded 137 grants totaling \$6,534,922. The success rate for this year's funding competitions is at 41%.

The dates of the next funding cycle can be found on the [home page](#) of the RAP website. During the summer RAP works with the funders to develop the future RFAs, updating the funding opportunities and making all the necessary changes to the current grant mechanisms. The next call for applications will go out on August 22, 2016, and the deadline to submit applications is set for September 19, 2016. Before planning a submission, please verify the relevant [Eligibility](#) and the [Submissions Rules](#).

The program statistics, [award recipients](#), and success stories will be published on the RAP website, under "[Resources](#)".

**RAP is hiring!** We are looking to hire a RAP Program Coordinator. For more information about this position, please contact Emy Volpe ([emanuela.volpe@ucsf.edu](mailto:emanuela.volpe@ucsf.edu)).

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## **LSP: Limited Submission Program**

Current LSOs of note:

Internal Deadline	Sponsor	Opportunity Title
June 14, 2016	<a href="#">NIH ORIP</a>	<a href="#">HIV/AIDS Vaccine Facility (C06)</a>
July 7, 2016	<a href="#">Searle Scholars Program</a>	<a href="#">Searle Scholars Program</a>
July 12, 2016	<a href="#">NIH Common Fund</a>	<a href="#">Director's Early Independence Awards (DP5)</a>

### **Highlights:**

- LSP lead Sarah E. Nelson has moved on to a new job outside of the RDO. We wish her well in her new position and ask for your consideration while we search for a replacement. We're looking to hire a Program Coordinator for the Limited Submissions Program. If you are interested in applying, please check out the job description listed on the UCSF Careers website (Job Req. 44721BR).
- The LSP worked closely with the Advisory Committee to establish a process to provide applicants with feedback. This process was implemented earlier this year, on a trial basis, and has been going very well. A couple notes regarding feedback:
  - Feedback will only be provided when a full committee review was required to identify a nominee
  - Reviewers will provide feedback by selecting strength/weakness area categories for each proposal

**Important Links:** More information about the LSP & Current LSO listings: [rdo.ucsf.edu/LSP](http://rdo.ucsf.edu/LSP).

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## **LGDP: Large Grant Development Program**

It will be anything but a lazy summer for the LGDP – who is working on an UCOP MRPI proposal on antibiotic resistance, a NIH U24 to establish a Resource Center for Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Tissue Regeneration, and a NIH U01 to join the Clinical Sequencing Evidence-Generating Research (CSER2) Consortium.

Will your team 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, Multi-Investigator 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

## **RDO's Templates and Guides**

All UCSF staff and faculty have access to [library of grant template text](#), managed by the RDO and hosted on a UCSF Library Guides page. Have you been asked to write a letter of support on behalf of your Departmental Chair, or are looking to refresh your NIH “Facilities and Other Resources” document? Let our templates help you overcome the hurdle of starting with a blank page!

Do you have suggestions of other templates to add, or see something that needs to be updated? Please let us know by emailing Kristin Dolan ([kristin.dolan@ucsf.edu](mailto:kristin.dolan@ucsf.edu)).

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## **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.

In April we facilitated a Lung Biology and Disease Speed-Networking and Seed-Funding event in support of the overall campus goal to increase the interaction between faculty of different disciplines. This event connected interdisciplinary basic and clinical science researchers investigating topics concerning the lung. We had great participation, have now received several seed grant proposals and are currently in the review process.

These networking events enable participating researchers to meet investigators outside their usual circle of collaborators in order to foster a broader network, and to brainstorm new research ideas or expand the aims of their current work. The event will also provide subsequent seed-funding to support feasibility and pilot studies that

encourage new collaborations and/or innovative interdisciplinary research.

If you are interested in participating or developing a separate networking event, please contact Gretchen at [gretchen.kiser@ucsf.edu](mailto:gretchen.kiser@ucsf.edu).

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## RDO Outreach Activities

### **National Organization of Research Development Professionals (NORDP):**

Several members of the RDO team attended the annual 3-day [National Organization of Research Development Professionals \(NORDP\) Conference](#) on May 23-25 in Orlando, Florida. This annual conference enables us to network with like-colleagues, and exchange ideas and experience in all aspects of research development (e.g., large grant proposals, program management, team science). One of our favorite presentations, given by colleagues from the University of Arizona titled “Leadership Without Authority”, explored why, when, and how individuals can exercise leadership without authority, and what other tools are necessary to be successful in these non-traditional leadership roles. Julie Burstein – Peabody Award-winning radio producer, TED speaker, and best-selling author – inspired us in her keynote address to foster the ‘duende’ or inspired passion in our faculty through effectively managing team creative friction.

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

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## Research Development Internship Opportunity

Are you a graduate student or post-doc looking to explore alternative careers for PhDs? Contact Gretchen Kiser [gretchen.kiser@ucsf.edu](mailto:gretchen.kiser@ucsf.edu) in the RDO for information about an internship in research development.

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