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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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RAP: Resources Allocation Program

The RAP Fall Cycle is Open!

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 26, 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](#). **PLEASE NOTE: Many mechanisms have CHANGED aspects of their RFAs, so please verify information before preparing and submitting your proposal.**

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

SSP: Special Strategic Projects

UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences:

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 Steering Committee met on August 24 and selected the awardees for the Innovation and Scholar Awards. These

will be announced late Friday, August 26, 2016, but out of 70 applications (46 Innovation proposals and 24 Scholar applicants), the committee generously committed to supporting 9 excellent Innovation proposals and 6 outstanding Scholars, representing 9 different UCSF departments, covering topics from basic, clinical, and translational research, and awarding a total of \$1,950,000 for this fiscal year.

Marcus Program in Precision Medicine Innovation (MPPMI):

The RDO, in partnership with the Precision Medicine Platform Committee and the Vice Chancellor for Science Policy and Strategy's Office, developed and launched the [George and Judy Marcus Program in Precision Medicine Innovation \(MPPMI\)](#) in early 2016. As part of that program, we will be hosting a networking event on October 13th. For more information, keep checking the [Marcus program site](#) through the RDO website or contact Gretchen Kiser or Page Sorensen directly at rdoinfo@ucsf.edu.

LSP: Limited Submission Program

Current LSOs of note:

Internal Deadline	Sponsor	Opportunity Title
August 30, 2016	Greenwall Foundation	Scholars Program
August 30, 2016	Blavatnik Family Foundation	Blavatnik National Awards for Young Scientists
September 1, 2016	National Science Foundation	Partnerships for Innovation: Building Innovation Capacity (PFI: BIC)
September 6, 2016	NIH NIA	Alzheimer's Clinical Trials Consortium (U24)
September 9, 2016	NIH	BD2K Research Education Curriculum Development: Data Science Overview for Biomedical Scientists (R25)
September 9, 2016	NIH NIDDK	Inflammatory Bowel Disease Genetics Consortium (IBDGC) Genetic Research Centers (GRCs) (U01)
September 9, 2016	NIH NIDDK	Kidney Precision Medicine Project – Central Hub (U2C)

Important Links: More information about the LSP & Current LSO listings: rdo.ucsf.edu/LSP

LGDP: Large Grant Development Program

After a very productive summer, the LGDP is focusing its efforts on a number of fall deadline opportunities, including the CIRM Clinical Trial Stage Projects Award, and the MacArthur 100&Change Award.

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 a proposal for an Instrumentation Program (NSF or NIH S10)? 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).

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.

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.

We are currently developing a Nov/Dec event focused on "pain", inviting those whose research focuses on different types of pain, etiology of pain, therapeutics targeting pain, etc. If you have interest in participating, please contact Page Sorensen at page.sorensen@ucsf.edu.

In July, TSRIP revamped our evaluation and reporting tools. This involved developing revised "after event" surveys to solicit participant feedback and a new online form for seed-funding recipients to easily submit progress reports. Please help us be more effective by completing surveys that may come your way from the RDO. Thanks!

If you are interested in participating or developing a separate networking event, please contact Gretchen at gretchen.kiser@ucsf.edu.

RDO Outreach Activities

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. 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!

[The Center for Research, Excellence and Diversity in Team Science \(CREDITS\)](#):

CREDITS is integrated research and training program to increase and enhance Team Science (TS) and collective intelligence capacity, effectiveness, and excellence in California. Diversity on teams is known to have positive effects on creativity, innovation, and productivity. Apart from its contribution to scientific breakthroughs and grand challenge problems, TS has beneficial impacts on individual research careers. Diverse TS projects garner more funding, and yield greater publication productivity, and higher impact publications. In mid-October, Gretchen Kiser, the executive director of the RDO will be representing UCSF leadership at a networking and team science training retreat for faculty and institutional leadership across UCs and CSUs.

Research Development Internship Opportunity

The RDO is so excited to have Dr. Sili Liu, a graduate student at UCSF, joining our RAP program as an RDO intern. Welcome, Sili!

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

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