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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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[LSP: Limited Submission Program](#)

Current LSOs of note:

Internal Deadline	Sponsor	Opportunity Title
February 19 th , 2018	V Foundation	Pediatric Cancer Research Grants
March 7 th , 2018	Hellman Fellows Fund	UCSF Hellman Fellows Program

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

[TSP: Team Science Program](#)

The TSP develops and facilitates intra- and extramural networking events enabling 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.

Updates

We've completed our 2017 progress report. Here are some highlights:

- In 2017, the TSP supported 7 networking events attended by 215 UCSF community members.
- Overall, 882 UCSF community members interacted with TSP last year, that's 245 more faculty interactions than the previous year.
- We made a variety of program improvements, including providing live streaming and video recordings of our events. In the last 7 months, we've posted three videos that together have been viewed 213 times.
- Our events continue to get high ratings from attendees, with 91% of respondents saying the event they attended was a "valuable experience" and the same percent reporting they would recommend a similar event to colleagues.
- We also use feedback to improve our events. Some respondents said that additional structure to networking could be helpful. In response, we have implemented a "roundtable discussion" to some formats. This format has been well received, with survey respondents saying that the discussions "gave everyone a voice". We have more work to do to develop additional structured networking activities; this is a priority for 2018.

Upcoming Events

Marcus Mixer²: We are hosting the second annual networking meeting for the Marcus Program in Precision Medicine Innovation (MPPMI). Join us on February 21st, from 3:30-5:30pm, to network with colleagues pursuing precision medicine innovations. Please [register here](#) if you're interested in participating.

Autoimmunity Research Networking Event: Join UCSF researchers for an afternoon team science event focused on autoimmune disease research. We are organizing this event in partnership with Dr. Lindsey Criswell, Director of the Precision Medicine in Rheumatology (PREMIER). The goal of the event is to introduce faculty who focus on different aspects of autoimmunity and autoimmune disease research to each other and spark new collaborations between silos. Visit our [Eventbrite page](#) for further details and to register.

In the Mix: In partnership with San Francisco State University (SFSU) Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, we've created a quarterly event series to foster cross-institutional collaboration between UCSF and SFSU. Each event will have a different theme. The theme the next event is 'Broader Impacts'. This event will be held in May 2018 at the UCSF Parnassus campus. Further details will be available on our [website](#) soon.

If you are building a team or interested in developing a networking event, please contact [Page Sorensen](#).

LGDP: Large Grant Development Program

Large Grant Support

If your team will soon be developing a large, multi-investigator proposal, our Large Grant Development Program (LGDP) is here to help! Here are just some of the services that the LGDP can provide:

- Strategy and grantsmanship input
- Project management of the proposal preparation process
- Technical writing and editing

Please note that Kristin Dolan, program manager of LGDP, is out on leave until May, 2018.

SSP: Special Strategic Projects

The RDO hosted a team from [Digital Science](#), a technology company that provides a suite of research analytic tools, for an informational seminar followed by hands-on deeper-dive workshops on three of their tools – Elements, Dimensions, and Figshare. We will continue to seek ways to support data-driven decision-making at UCSF.

Marcus Program in Precision Medicine Innovation

We are excited to announce that George and Judy Marcus will fund another year of the Marcus Program in Precision Medicine Innovation. We are currently developing the RFA, likely to be similar to last year's. We are targeting a submission deadline of May 31, 2018. Stay tuned for details on the RDO website!

RAP: Resource Allocation Program

The RAP Spring 2018 funding cycle is fast approaching! We invite you to submit your application via the RAP Portal before the electronic submission deadline: **Monday, February 26, 2017 at 2 pm** PST.

The [RAP website](#) summarizes the details for new funding opportunities as well as any changes in current grant mechanisms offered for the [Spring 2018](#) cycle. [Eligibility requirements](#) need to be met as of the application submission deadline date– no waivers will be accepted. All applicants should carefully review grant eligibility and [Submission Rules](#) prior to submitting their applications.

RAP Review Process summarized

The RAP review process utilizes 11 highly specialized standing review committees and draws from a large pool of UCSF faculty reviewers. We aim to match reviewer expertise with each proposal to provide a fair, rigorous, and transparent peer-reviewed process that will encourage and stimulate research.

The review committees are organized by subject area. Proposals are reviewed by two faculty with expertise in a closely related field and discussed by the entire review panel. Proposals are scored according to the criteria listed in the descriptions for each mechanism following the NIH 1-9 scoring system.

Each application is discussed at a subsequent committee meeting with review committee members scoring live to determine a proposal's final score. Applications that receive initial scores of 4 and/or 5 (not the average) or lower (6 – 9) are triaged - not discussed - if all committee members are in agreement. The final competition results are available at the end of the cycle (end of May, 2018).

Funding agencies notify their own awardees and begin taking care of the post award process. RAP sends out the denials and the reviews and scores to all applicants, funded and not funded. Triaged proposals will only have the reviews with no scores. The reviews and scores are available to applicants via their dashboard on the RAP Portal.

What's New?

RAP welcomes a number of new funding opportunities (Check out 'What's New' on the [RAP website homepage](#)) from newly joined funding agency sponsors. Recent funding success rates and awardee's success stories may be found under the [Resources](#) tab on the RAP website.

RAP continues to invest in improving programmatic systems. The program is actively seeking to measure success through the feedback received via online surveys addressed to our multi-faceted audience.

3TS: T32 Trainee Tracking Program

The T32 Trainee Tracking System provided support for three programs that submitted T32 grant renewals for the January cycle. All are welcome to the upcoming T32 Program Administrators breakfast meeting in March. The meeting is a platform where staff participating in the development of a T32 grant submission can come to discuss and share tools and strategies that help facilitate their submission process. Be sure to look out for further details on the meeting and NIH updates on the T32 Administrators Group Chatter page. Not a member? Just click “request membership” and you’ll be added. We are here to support and guide you on your T32 grants submissions process.

Type of Grant	Program Description	Upcoming Renewal Dates
T Series	<i>Institutional</i> National Research Service Awards Other Training Grants To enable institutions to make National Research Service Awards to individuals selected by them for predoctoral and postdoctoral research training in specified shortage areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 25

RDO Updates and Outreach Activities

New edition to our RDO family!

We are so excited to announce the latest addition to the RDO family – Evelyn Mary Dolan, born January 12th to proud parents, Kristin and Greg Dolan. We wish them all the best!

RDO Grant Templates and Guides

Did you know that all UCSF staff and faculty have access to a [library of grant template text](#)? If not, we encourage you to check it out!

Do you have suggestions of other templates to add, or see something that needs to be updated? Please let us know by emailing rdoinfo@ucsf.edu.

Would you like to inform your faculty of the menu of services and resources available through the RDO?

We are looking for opportunities to speak to groups of faculty to inform them of the programs and resources available through the RDO. Please contact us at rdoinfo@ucsf.edu if you think you could open a time slot for us to speak at your next faculty meeting.

RDO Events Calendar

We’ve just started listing our various events on the UCSF Calendar. [Check it out!](#)

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 National Organization of Research Development Professionals ([NORDP](#)).

Research Development Internship Opportunity

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

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