RDO

Research Development Office

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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RDO Highlights

Research-Related Resources (3Rs) Symposium

Last month, the Research Development Office hosted the inaugural Research-Related Resources (3Rs) Symposium. The event, targeting all UCSF faculty, especially those new to campus in the last three years, highlighted 23 UCSF units that provide research-related services and resources. Each unit gave a concise presentation of their services/resource, helpful tips, and contact information, as well as manning tables for one-on-one interaction. We saw over 100 faculty participants and many offered their comments that this was a valuable event; we are already making plans for next year's 3Rs Symposium!

For those that weren't able to attend, the individual presentation slide decks and a recording of the whole event are available [here](#).

RDO support of diversity, equity, and inclusion

This past year, the RDO team has redoubled their efforts to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion at UCSF and beyond. Here are some highlights from 2018:

- **NIH Diversity Supplements:** In partnership with the School of Medicine's Differences Matter [Research Action Group for Equity](#) and Office of Diversity and Outreach, the RDO (led by Kristin Dolan) is working to increase the number of NIH Diversity Supplements submitted and ultimately received by UCSF. As part of this effort, we are 1) identifying eligible faculty, 2) building proposal development [resources](#), 3) and hosting events to spread the word (our first one will be March 12 in Genentech Hall – mark your calendars!).
- **Diversity eCohorts**: The Diversity eCohorts is a School of Medicine program funded to increase the capacity at UCSF to recruit diverse participants to online studies. RDO's Gretchen Kiser serves on their Steering Committee. Their vision is to "Transform UCSF through deep community partnerships into a model research institution that champions diversity, equity, and inclusion at all levels of health and well being for the Bay Area community and

beyond." Specifically, its mission is to "1) build an online research infrastructure tailored to diverse communities, 2) demonstrate and document how to partner with communities to improve research outcomes and achieve health equity, and 3) jumpstart innovation in collaboration with UCSF clinical research projects."

- **PCORI-funded Engagement Award:** Two RDO team members (Gretchen Kiser and Kristin Dolan) have joined the Advisory Board for a Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award. The goal of the award, titled Accelerating Systematic Stakeholder, Patient, and Institution Research Engagement (ASPIRE; PI Dr. Tung Nguyen), is to create an efficient and impactful institutional infrastructure to support PCOR researchers and stakeholders at UCSF. The award is led by the School of Medicine's Differences Matter team, in collaboration with CTSI's Community Engagement & Health Policy and the Center for Community Engagement.
- **Intrinsic bias mindfulness charge for review and selection committees:** The RDO developed a script to be presented to reviewers and at review/award selection discussions (e.g., RAP review committees), charging the participants to acknowledge that they have intrinsic biases and to deliberately seek to review proposals and applicants fairly.
- **Additional Trainings, Events, and Committees:** Members of the RDO have participated in the following events, trainings, and committees focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion:
  - [Diversity and Inclusion Staff Certification Program](#)
  - [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Champion Training](#)
  - [University Diversity Retreat: Updating the Roadmap to Inclusive Excellence](#)
  - [UCSF Committee on the Status of Women](#)
- **National Organization of Research Development Professionals (NORDP) Committee on Inclusive Excellence:** RDO's Executive Director, Gretchen Kiser, is leading the diversity, equity and inclusion efforts of [NORDP](#), a national professional organization of over 900 members, from over 300 research institutions in the US and abroad. These efforts thus far have included: development of an organizational value statement on inclusive excellence, travel grants for conference attendance of under-represented minority members and members from MSIs and HBCUs and other MSIs; establishment of a Diversity Plenary session at the annual conference; and diversity, equity and inclusion training of NORDP leadership.

Resource Allocation Program (RAP)
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Upcoming Team Science Program (TSP) Events
In the Mix, the on-going faculty mixer between San Francisco State University (SFSU) and UCSF faculty is slated for January 10th. This particular event will feature a talk from [Dr. Nina S. Roberts](#) (Professor, SFSU) and Edgar Velazquez (recent SFSU graduate and UCSF CRC staff) about community engaged research, and is meant to actively encourage cross-disciplinary engagement. It will be held from **5:00 – 7:00pm in the Parnassus library Lange Room on Jan. 10th**. Visit our [In the Mix 4 Eventbrite page](#) for further details and to register for this event.

Second Annual Marcus Symposium is scheduled for January 29th and is focused on the bold intersections of basic science and clinical/translational science, population health, computational science, and implementation science. You are cordially invited to join this event, which will showcase research from past Marcus Award recipients as well as foster faculty networking toward new collaborative research efforts. This event will be held **Jan. 29th in the Mission Bay Oberndorf Auditorium from 3:00 – 5:00pm**. Visit our Marcus Symposium Eventbrite page for further details and to register for this event.

MAMMI – Monoclonal Antibodies in Mother's Milk and Infants, which is focused on monoclonal antibody medications and breastfeeding/pregnancy in women and infants. This event will be held **January 24th from 3:00 – 5:00pm, in Genentech Hall room 114**. The event will include an invitational seminar from Dr. Thomas Hale, Professor of Pediatrics at Texas Tech University School of Medicine. (See below for more information.)

This event is by invitation only; if you are interested, please contact Page Sorensen.

T32 NIH Updates from the T32 Trainee Tracking (3TS) Program
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SSP: Special Strategic Projects
Funder Visit

Research Funding Opportunities in Europe – The RDO hosted an information session on grants and fellowships available from the EU for researchers of all nationalities on November 9, 2018. The session was led by representatives from various EU programs and a recording of this event is now available here.

TSP: Team Science Program
The TSP develops and facilitates intra- and extra-mural 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. We've been busy planning events for the winter - check out details below.

If you manage a UCSF group with a mission that includes team building activities or you would like to add such activities to a new grant or renewal, get in touch with Page Sorensen. We can help design and produce team building activities that will further your mission.

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LSP: Limited Submission Program

Current LSOs of note:

Internal Deadline	Sponsor	Opportunity Title
January 6th, 2019	Betty & Gordon Moore Foundation	Moore Inventor Fellows
January 9th, 2019	NIH NIDCR	Mentoring Network to Support a Diverse Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Research Workforce

January 10th, 2019	NIH	Research Evaluation and Commercialization Hub (REACH) Awards
January 13th, 2019	NIH ORIP	Biomedical Research Facilities
January 13th, 2019	HRSA	Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network (PECARN)

Upcoming LSOs:
Please see below for some limited submission opportunities (LSOs) we expect to announce over the next few months. Mark your calendars accordingly!

MONTH LSP TO ANNOUNCE	Sponsor	Opportunity Title
January	Packard	Scholars Program
February	V Foundation	Scholar Award, Translational Grant, Pediatrics Grant
February	Hellman	Hellman Fellows Program
February	William T. Grant Foundation	Scholars Program

Please note: These LSOs are typically offered the same time each year. Both the availability and eligibility requirements noted are approximate and subject to change.

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

LGDP: Large Grant Development Program
We are working on a few exciting proposals, including a NCI P50 on Implementation Science, a NIGMS RM1 focused on team science, and an NSF Science and Technology Center.

If your team is gearing up to prepare a large, multi-investigator proposal and would like some support from our Large Grant Development Program (LGDP), please reach out to us – rdoinfo@ucsf.edu.

RAP: Resource Allocation Program
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All applicants (awarded and not awarded) will have access to the written reviews and final scores in the RAP portal on their dashboard. Proposals that were triaged and not-discussed during the review meeting are not assigned final scores. Awarded applicants should have been notified directly by the sponsoring agency. Applicant and agency will now begin the post award relationship beginning with the award set up and continues with the progress reports.

Thanks to all who participated by either submitting proposals or serving as reviewers and congratulations to the awardees!

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Key RAP Web Resources to review before applying
- [Homepage](#) shows the deadlines, "How RAP Works", "3 Steps to Apply" and any new funding opportunities.
- [Determine Eligibility & Compare Grants helps you identifying the grant based on eligibility.](#)
- [Submission Rules lists all rules that govern the submission.](#)
- [Resources](#) offer Statistics, Past Awardees, Success Stories, and more.

[3TS](#): T32 Trainee Tracking Program

The 3TS program can produce the following tables for your T32 renewal application:
- Table 2 – Participating Faculty Members
- Table 3 – Federal Institutional Research Training Grants & Related Support Available to Participating Faculty Members (Overlapping Faculty)
- Table 4 – Research Support of Participating Faculty Members
- Table 5 – Publications of Trainees
- Table 8 – Program Outcomes

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The 3TS program will continue to post information regarding NIH training grant notifications on the **T32 Administrators Group Chatter** page on Chatter. To join the group send a request to Halima Mohammed Todd at Halima.Mohammed@ucsf.edu or through the link on the [T32 Administrators Group Chatter page](#). We are here to support and guide you through your T32 grants submissions process.

RDO Updates and Outreach Activities

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!

Research Development Internship Program
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.

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 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).