

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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3TS: T32 Trainee Tracking Program

T32 NIH Updates from the T32 Trainee Tracking (3TS) Program

- October 2019 marked the beginning of the NIH requirement for utilizing the [xTRACT tool](#) for T32 Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) submissions. Due to the lengthy process of historical and never before asked for data the process is proving to be lengthy. The 3TS program continues to offer support to assist programs with transferring their RPPR data into the NIH xTRACT module, but encourages all interested programs to contact [Halima Mohammed Todd](#) for advice and assistance three months before the RPPR is due for submission. For additional information on RPPR due dates please log into eRA Commons or your RMS contact.
- xTRACT RPPR & Renewal Training Session
 - December 12, 1pm-2pm
Parnassus Campus | CL 213-214
Contact: [Halima Mohammed Todd](#)
- Due Dates for Competing T32 Renewal Applications:
 - January 25, 2020
 - May 25, 2020

Applicants should check with the relevant Institute or Center (IC), since some do not accept T series applications for all three receipt/review/award cycles.
- For an online library of successful training grant proposals and resources, please visit the Training Grants [RDO Guides page](#).

The 3TS program will continue to post information regarding NIH training grant notifications on the **T32 Administrators Group Chatter** page on the Chatter page. To join the group send an email request to [Halima Mohammed Todd](#) or contact Halima through the link on the [T32 Administrators Group Chatter page](#).

We are here to support and guide you through your T32 grants submissions process. Contact [Halima Mohammed Todd](#) if you have questions.

SSP: Special Strategic Projects

Marcus Program in Precision Medicine Innovation

We are excited to have completed the 2019 Marcus Program in Precision Medicine Innovation (MPPMI) Award competition. Funded generously by George and Judy Marcus, the MPPMI seeks to fuel innovation in precision medicine by fostering creative, high risk, high impact, team science projects. Two of the initiatives - a 1-year \$75,000 Seeding Bold Ideas (SBI) award and a 1-year \$300,000 Transformative Integrated Research (TIR) award – are anchored in basic science, often incorporating novel computer science integration, and extending into the precision medicine continuum toward improved patient outcomes. This year, in response to the new and unprecedented ethical, legal, social implication (ELSI), implementation, and policy matters that will be required to realize the vision of Precision Medicine, we are offering a new grant mechanism supporting innovative research addressing such social science – a 1-year \$150,000 ELSI in Precision Medicine (ELSI) award.

We received 42 applications in total, 20 for the SBI awards, 17 for the TIR awards, and 5 for the new ELSI awards! Check out the [RDO website](#) for a list of the PI teams and titles of the funded projects.

Tri-Institutional Partnership on Microbiome Research

UC San Francisco (UCSF), UC Davis (UCD) and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), have formed a **Tri-Institutional Partnership on Microbiome Research** to catalyze and fund bold, synergistic, and potentially transformative collaborative research. The partners are convening an **all-day workshop on Feb. 5, 2020 at the Integrative Genomics Building at LBNL** to will foster cross-institutional interaction and will **follow with a substantive seed grant opportunity** supported by all three institutions. The focus of this collaborative effort will be to tackle the major gaps in microbiome knowledge and technology that have been identified by the [OSTI Microbiome Interagency Working Group's FY2018-2022 Strategic Plan for Microbiome Research](#), with the goal of positioning the institutions favorably for follow-on extramural funding. If you are interested in participating, contact Emma Alme at emma.powell@ucsf.edu or rdoinfo@ucsf.edu.

RAP: Resource Allocation Program

Review of the RAP Fall 2019 Cycle is completed – Final award decisions available before winter holiday break.

RAP received 215 proposals for the Fall 2019 cycle, a 30% increase from the Fall 2018 cycle! Of these, 52 were submitted for independent review. The Independent Review programs include Catalyst, the Kavli IFN Collaboration Award (new) and the Faculty Development Award in Precision Medicine (new). A total of 163 proposals were reviewed by 11 expert faculty panels.

All applicants are notified of the competition results soon after the funding decisions are finalized. Additionally, 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” (not-discussed) during the review meeting are not assigned final scores. Awarded applicants are notified directly by the sponsoring agency. Applicant and agency interface in the post-award process that begins with the award set-up, and continues with scheduled progress reports. Applicants not awarded, are notified via the RAP portal email.

The statistics for the Fall 2019 Cycle and the names of the awardees will be posted on the RAP website; under the “Resources” tab in January 2020. Thanks to all who participated by either submitting proposals or serving as reviewers and **congratulations to the awardees!**

We are gearing up for the next RAP Funding Cycle (Spring) to launch on Monday, January 27, 2020. During this time, RAP collaborates with the funding agencies in updating current grant opportunities as well as introducing new sponsors to the mix.

RAP Spring 2020 Key Dates

- Call for Applications: **Monday, January 27, 2020**
- Application Submission Deadline: **Monday, March 2, 2020**

Key RAP Web Resources to review before applying for grant:

- [Homepage](#) shows the deadlines, “How RAP Works”, “ 3 Steps to Apply” and new funding opportunities
- [Determine Eligibility & Compare Grants](#) assists applicants in identifying the most opportune grant based on applicant’s eligibility.
- [Eligibility requirements](#) **need to be met as of date of submission, no waivers allowed.**
- [Submission Rules](#) list all rules that govern the submission.
- <https://rap.ucsf.edu/submission-rulesResources> offers Statistics, Past Awardees, Success Stories, and more.

LSP: Limited Submission Program

Current LSOs of note:

Internal Deadline	Sponsor	Opportunity Title
December 19 th , 2019	Mary Kay Foundation	Cancer Research Grant
December 19 th , 2019	HRSA	Rapid Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) Start in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program – Dissemination Assistance Provider
December 19 th , 2019	NIH NIGMS	Post baccalaureate Research Education Program(R25)
December 19 th , 2019	HRSA	Addiction Medicine Fellowship
December 19 th , 2019	CDC	Natural Experiments of the Impact of Population-targeted Policies to Prevent Type 2 Diabetes and Diabetes Complications
January 2 nd , 2020	NIH NCI	Pathway to Independence Award for Outstanding Early Stage Postdoctoral Researchers
January 2 nd , 2020	St. Baldrick’s Foundation	Spring Grant Cycle

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
December	American Association of Medical Colleges	Hebert W. Nickens Faculty Fellowship
January	Packard	Fellowships in Science and Engineering

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

Last issue we described how you can use Airtable for proposal development. Airtable is a very flexible format, and has lots of potential applications. Here are some other uses we've been thinking about in the RDO:

- Tracking all proposals supported by the Limited Submissions Program
- Coordinating the review and selection of limited submission opportunities
- Managing internal funding competitions
- Planning large events

What is Airtable?

This free, online project management tool gives you the power of a super-flexible database to connect all aspects of your proposal development process —and design the perfect workflow—all in one place.

Are you interested in trying Airtable? If so, create an account at Airtable.com.

Project managing grant proposals is just one service that the Large Grant Development Program (LGDP) offers. If you'd like to learn more about our other services, contact the LGDP Manager, Dr. Kristin Dolan (kristin.dolan@ucsf.edu).

TSP: Team Science Program

The TSP develops and facilitates intra- and inter-campus networking events, enabling participating researchers to meet investigators outside their usual circle of collaborators and to brainstorm new research ideas or expand the aims of their current work.

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 [Gretchen Kiser](#).

RDO Updates and Outreach Activities

Keep on the lookout for Funding Fridays!

Moving forward, funding opportunities from all over campus will be coming into your email inbox on **Fridays!** In an effort to improve the communication of funding opportunities, UCSF campus offices will be disseminating funding opportunities via email on a single day of the week (when not constrained by short deadlines, of course).

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

Your can find various RDO events also listed 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](#)).

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