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

- **NOTE!** October 2019 will be the beginning of the NIH requirement for all T32 Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) submission via the xTRACT tool. This requirement will cause significant data entry issues for some programs. Therefore, the 3TS program is offering support to assist programs with transferring their RPPR data into the NIH xTRACT module. If you would like to participate, please contact Halima Mohammed Todd for advice and assistance.
- xTRACT Training Sessions and tutorial guide are available (contact Halima Mohammed Todd to schedule)
- 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 nearly 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.

Application submissions were due on September 12th, and funding decisions will be announced at the end of October. 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.

RAP: Resource Allocation Program

Fall 2019 Review of Applications is Currently Underway

RAP received a total of 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). The remaining **163** applications will be assigned to one of the 11 RAP review committees based on research topic. Written reviews, final scores and funding results will be electronically sent to all applicants before the Winter 2019 break begins.

The next RAP Funding Cycle will launch on Monday, January 27, 2020. The deadline will be at the beginning of March (exact date to be determined).

Key RAP Web Resources and steps to review before applying for grant:
- Homepage presents the deadlines, "How RAP Works", Application Steps and new funding opportunities
- Identify the grant that is best for you at "Determine Eligibility & Compare Grants".
- Eligibility requirements **need to be met as of date of submission, no waivers allowed.**
- **Review the** Submission Rules.
- "Resources" offer: previous cycle statistics, past awardees, success stories, and more.

LSP: Limited Submission Program

Current LSOs of note:

Internal Deadline	Sponsor	Opportunity Title
October 24th, 2019	Keck	Research Program in Medical Research & Science and Engineering
October 28th, 2019	NIH NIDDK	Ancillary Studies to the NIDDK Inflammatory Bowel Genetics Consortium
October 30th, 2019	National Science Foundation	Ethical and Responsible Research (ER2)
October 31st, 2019	Brain Research Foundation	Seed Grant Program

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
October	Mallinkcrodt	Scholar Program
October	National Comprehensive Cancer Network	Young Investigator Award

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
Are you currently using Excel spreadsheets to track the status of your proposal, but run into version control issues and/or are looking for something better? If so, we recommend you check out Airtable, the UCSF Research Development Office's preferred project management tool for proposal development.

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 with a template developed by the LGDP? If so, follow these steps:
1. Go to https://tinyurl.com/y5v6ogtm
2. Create your own Airtable account
3. Duplicate the "Proposal Template" base to your own Airtable workspace
4. Start building!

Project managing grant proposals is just one service that the Large Grant Development Program (LGDP). If you'd like to learn more about the other services we offer, please reach out to the LGDP Manager, 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. Upcoming events are 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 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).