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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Best wishes for a healthy and joyous holiday season, and a successful and exciting New Year!

RDO Update:

The RDO is hiring! We're looking for a research development specialist with strong program management experience and a background in science. We're also looking for a new office manager/analyst (Web management using DRUPAL and thorough and in depth knowledge of all Microsoft suite). If you have interest or know someone who might be, please contact Gretchen Kiser (gretchen.kiser@ucsf.edu). Thanks.

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.

The TSRIP is actively scheduling networking events beyond January 2016. If you are interested in participating or developing a networking event, please contact Gretchen at gretchen.kiser@ucsf.edu.

The last two months have seen several TSRIP-hosted events, including:
- a successful BayBRAIN Neurotechnology Industry Day, a partnership with UC Berkeley and Berkeley Labs that brought together over 120 neurotechnology researchers and industry partners; as well as
- an exciting speed-networking event with cross-cutting Environmental Health Initiative faculty; and another in partnership with the Geriatrics Department - the first of a series of networking events around the theme of aging. We look forward to funding a few seed grants following from these speed-networking events and supporting the follow-on networking events, too.

[RAP](): Resources Allocation Program

The 10 RAP Review Committees have completed the review of the 170 proposals submitted to the Fall 2015 Cycle. While the best score is still the main criteria taken into consideration when funding decisions are made, it is not the only factor. Funding agencies consider other elements when deciding who to fund: the potential to receive extramural funding, how well-funded the applicant is, the relevance of each proposal topic to the funder.

The RAP Committee, comprehensive of all the Directors of the RAP participating agencies, will meet in December to make final funding decisions.

At the end of each competition, every applicant receives written reviews without final scores. The reviews are good feedback if a resubmission is needed or can help with other projects. The results of the RAP Fall 2015 cycle will be available before the winter break.

The next deadlines for the RAP Spring 2016 Cycle are:
> **January 25 – Request for Applications**
> **February 22 – Applications Deadline**

[LSP](): Limited Submission Program

Recently:
- The LSP Annual Advisory Committee Meeting was held on October 29, 2015. The committee agreed to make a few key updates to be implemented over the coming year. These updates include: providing categorical feedback on internal applications, and updating reviewer COI criteria, among other improvements.
- The LSP presented to the Academic Senate Committee on Research on November 16, 2015—providing an overview of the program and information on expected updates and changes.

- Since October 1st:
  - 19 LSOs were announced by the LSP
  - 11 nominees were identified by the LSP to move off campus (including Keck, Brain Research Foundation, and Rita Allen)
  - 6 LSOs did not receive applications, and 3 are still in process

Current LSOs of note:

Internal Deadline	Sponsor	Opportunity Title
December 9, 2015	HRSA	Nurse Education, Practice, Quality & Retention Program - Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Program: Behavioral Health Integration (NEPQR-IPCP-BHI)
December 10, 2015	HRSA	Academic Units for Primary Care Training and Enhancement
December 10, 2015	CDC	Childhood Obesity Research Demonstration 2.0

Coming Up:
- **LSP will be closed from December 22, 2015 – January 4, 2016**. If you have any *urgent* questions, about an opportunity during this time, please send your inquiries to limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu marked with high importance, and they will be addressed as soon as possible. We wish you all happy holidays and a joyful New Year!

Important Links:
- Current LSO listings: http://osr.ucsf.edu/content/limited-submission-program-lsp#current-lsos
- Calendar of recurring LSOs: http://osr.ucsf.edu/content/limited-submission-program-lsp#calendar-of-recurring-lsos
- More information about the LSP: http://osr.ucsf.edu/content/limited-submission-program-lsp#more-about-the-lsp

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LGDP: Large Grant Development Program

It's been a busy fall for the LGDP, supporting a UM1 proposal focused on HIV cure research and finishing up a U54 to establish a collaborative center for health disparities research focused on chronic disease prevention, among other efforts.

Will you soon be developing a large, complex proposal like a: NIH P01, P50, U01, U19, U54; NSF Science and Technology Centers: Integrative Partnerships; or the Integrated NSF Support Promoting Interdisciplinary Research and Education (INSPIRE) grants? 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

NOTE: All UCSF staff and faculty can access a grant template text library, managed by the RDO and hosted on a UCSF Library Guides page.

Other Funding Opportunities

We keep a list of a few "one-off" funding opportunities that come to us through various means. Please check these out through the link above.

A couple of important funding opportunities that are open right now:

- UC Office of the President Cancer Research Coordinating Committee (CRCC)
- The series of **Precision Medicine Initiative®** funding opportunities:

Cohort Program Coordinating Center (U2C):
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-PM-16-001.html
Submission Due: February 17, 2016

Cohort Program Healthcare Provider Organization Enrollment Centers (UG3/UH3):
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-PM-16-002.html
Submission Due: February 17, 2016

Cohort Program Participant Technologies Center (U24):
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-PM-16-003.html
Submission Due: February 17, 2016

Cohort Program Biobank (U24):
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-PM-16-004.html
Submission Due: February 4, 2016

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.

Research Development (RD) professionals work to ensure that when institutional resources are deployed to seek external funding or partnerships for knowledge creation or mobilization; that these activities are as strategic and efficient as possible so as to maximize the likelihood that the best ideas with the best chances for ultimate success are recognized and supported with the finite support available.

The **National Organization of Research Development Professionals (NORDP)** is the only professional organization dedicated to the field of research development, offering members a comprehensive annual conference, professional training as well as access to tools and resources, mentoring, and networking opportunities.

If these descriptions strike a chord with you, the UCSF RDO encourages you to check out NORDP. You might find a valuable peer group!

Internship Opening @ RDO

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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