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Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to inform you of the continued availability of funding from the Office of Research to support the planning, development and initiation of new multicampus research initiatives. I ask that you share this information with your faculty and participate in the process of developing these new opportunities.

The Office of Research website has a list of existing Multicampus Research Units and Programs (http://www.ucop.edu/research/programs_units/mru/mrulist.html). Faculty can find information at this site regarding the existing multicampus research portfolio, UC policies, et cetera.

As you know, the Multicampus Research Unit (MRU) Workgroup and the Universitywide Academic Senate have been working together with the Office of Research to restructure the funding and review of multicampus research entities. We will continue to encourage and promote new multicampus activities and collaborations in emerging research topics as we work out the parameters of this new system. The central purpose of this call is to facilitate faculty taking advantage of our ten campus system to create multicampus collaborations that allow for new research opportunities that could not happen on just one or two campuses.

I want to emphasize that there is flexibility built into this process so that we do not limit or proscribe faculty innovation. I would strongly encourage your faculty to contact Cathie Magowan, Director of Science and Technology Research or Dante Noto, Director of Humanities, Arts and Social Science Research to discuss multicampus research ideas. Cathie and Dante may be able to provide suggestions on possible collaborations, relationships with other MRUs, and strategies for moving plans forward.

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This is a rolling process, so there is no deadline for submission of proposals. Each of the types of support described below is designed to facilitate groups of faculty in the creation of multicampus collaborations. There are four levels of support available:

1. **Workshop/meeting support:** These funds, perhaps \$1,000-\$2,000 on a one-time basis, are designed to bring a group of systemwide faculty together to discuss collaborative research across campuses. The outcome might be a consensus to pursue Grant Development funding or establishment as a multicampus research program (see below).

Funding criteria: Participation of faculty from three or more campuses and/or UC-affiliated national labs to explore the possibility of collaborating on an innovative approach to a particular research area. Faculty from across disciplines throughout the UC system should be canvassed to determine their interest in participating in this effort.

2. **Collaboration Development support:** These funds, perhaps \$5,000-\$15,000 on a one-time basis, can be used to facilitate the development of new multicampus collaborations. Funds will be used by the group to establish a track record which may enable them to apply for subsequent intramural and/or extramural funding. Activities might include workshops, seminars, conferences, and/or database development.

Funding criteria: Participation of faculty from three or more campuses or UC-affiliated national labs to explore opportunities for research collaborations that have the potential to result in a proposal for extramural funding and/or the establishment of a multicampus research program.

3. **Grant Development support:** These funds, perhaps \$5,000-\$15,000 on a one-time basis, can be used by existing multicampus research units/programs for extramural proposal development by providing, for example, GSR support, faculty course relief, or support for a grant writer. The expected outcome is a submitted proposal for extramural support. Proposals should include a statement about the prospective source(s) of funding, a description of the relationship that has developed with the prospective funder, relevant submission deadlines, and other indicators of the potential viability of the proposal.

Funding criteria: A currently-recognized multicampus research program with a demonstrated potential for raising extramural support.

4. **Multicampus Research Program support:** These funds, ranging from \$10,000 to \$35,000 a year for up to five years, are designed to provide support for new multicampus research initiatives that garner campus and/or lab support for their creation and operation. These funds will be applied to match campus resources.

Funding criteria: Participation of a critical mass of researchers and graduate students across the campuses and/or labs, with a description of the potential value-added and impact of the proposed research. The proposal should also include a description of the program's proposed infrastructure, a statement of how the program will facilitate intercampus research collaborations, and a plan for sustainability following the initial funding period. Commitment from the participating campuses or labs to cost-share will be required before formal establishment and funding by the Office of Research.

SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL:

Proposals under all four categories must include:

- Names of participating faculty and campus/lab affiliation;
- Description of proposed research activity and the value-added of a systemwide research activity that demonstrates UC's "power of ten" campuses;
- One page budget and budget justification;
- Explanation of how the project will contribute to the knowledge of a particular field;
- Anticipated outcomes and benefits of the project.
- Next steps following the requested funding.

When we are able to develop an RFP for higher levels of multicampus research support funding from the Office of Research, all recipients of the grants outlined above will be eligible to apply.

We look forward to hearing from you and your colleagues regarding these funding opportunities.

Sincerely,

Lawrence B. Coleman
Vice Provost for Research