UC National Laboratory Fees Research Program
2022 Collaborative Research and Training Awards

Applicant Webinar
April 2021
Applicant webinar: Agenda and Topics

- Program Introduction
- Overview of Funding Opportunity
- How to Get Started and Apply
- Key Deadlines
- How to use SmartSimple
UC Research Initiatives
Research Grants Program Office

UCRI administers the UC National Laboratory Fees Research Program on behalf of the University of California.

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The UC National Laboratory Fees Research Program sponsors innovative research, fosters new collaborations between UC faculty and national laboratory scientists, and provides unique training opportunities for UC graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.
Collaborative Research and Training Awards

This cycle:

Collaborations of, at minimum, 3 UC campuses and either Los Alamos or Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories

Proposed research must be in one of three areas:
• Clean, Renewable Energy and Decarbonization
• Frontiers of Mesoscale Materials and High Energy Density Science
• Pandemic Preparedness and Biosecurity
Collaborative Research and Training Awards

The UC-NL CRT award term and funding requests

3 year awards (start date March 1, 2022)

Maximum annual request is $2 million

Funding per proposal no more than $4 million
Who Can Apply

- Applicant PI must be a UC campus academic appointee with PI status
- At least 3 collaborating UC campuses and one lab (either LANL or LLNL)
- Additional systemwide collaborating institutions as appropriate: campuses, LBNL, or other UC research entities

Questions about eligibility of a PI, Co-I or institution? Please contact us at UCRI@ucop.edu
Required Components

- Collaborative Research Innovation
- UC Student Training and Support
- Career Development and Mentorship Opportunities
- Seminars and Cross-Disciplinary Exchange
LOI Requirements

*To get started:*

The required LOI must be submitted through SmartSimple.

**Due: Thursday May 27, 12:00 Noon Pacific**

*No late LOIs will be accepted*
Invitation to Submit Full Proposal

- Only approved LOIs can submit full proposals
- Invitation provides access to the application materials online
- Notification in mid-June: Applicants can begin work by referencing the proposal requirements in the RFP
- The LOI must fairly present your proposed collaboration and activities. Refinements and adjustments may be made when the full proposal is submitted.
Key Dates

April/May 2021
(See website for details)

Thursday, May 27, 2021
Letters of Intent Due

Friday, June 11, 2021
LOI Notification

June (TBD)
SmartSimple Webinar

Thursday, August 5, 2021
Full Proposals Due
Accessing SmartSimple
Login to SmartSimple: https://ucop.smartsimple.com/

Returning users login here

First-time users register here

Principal Investigator Registration

Register Here

Login to SmartSimple

Email:

Password: Enter Password

Login

Forgot Password?

Privacy & Security

Welcome to Research Grants Program Office | UCOP

The Research Grants Program Office (RGPO) oversees a broad grantmaking portfolio of over $100 million a year to support research that is critical to California, the nation and the world. RGPO programs enhance University of California's research capacity and excellence, which helps attract top faculty, graduate students, government funding and companies to our state.

The SmartSimple Grants Management System is now accepting letters of intent (LOIs) and applications for the Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program (TRDP). For information regarding the 2019 call for applications, please visit TRDP's website at www.trdp.org
Creating an Account on SmartSimple
https://ucop.smartsimple.com

Enter your institution and complete your applicant contact information. (*Note: all UC campuses are listed in the system with their full “University of California” name.*)

If you receive a message that an account with your email address already exists, return to the main login page and click “Forgot Password.”
Preparing and Submitting an LOI

1. Click on the “Available Funding Opportunities” tab in the upper right corner.
2. Find the row that corresponds to the award you’re interested in and click “Apply.”
LOI Submission Steps

Click the section headings to access and complete each section of the LOI.

("Save Draft" frequently; review & edit as needed.)
LOI Submission Steps

The following individuals must be listed on the Project Personnel table:

- Applicant Principal Investigator
- Co-PIs (one each from each participating national lab and UC campus)

1. Go to the PROJECT CONTACTS tab
2. Click “Enter Project Personnel” to enter the names, roles, and affiliations of the Applicant PI and co-PIs
Accessing Your Draft LOI

1. Click the “Home” link in the upper-right hand corner of the screen
   1. Note: you should by default land on this dashboard when you log into SmartSimple
2. Click “In Progress Applications” to access your draft LOI.
3. After submission of an LOI or Full Application, the record can be found under “Submitted/Under Review Applications”
LOI Submission Steps

Click “Submit LOI” to submit the LOI.
1. Click on “In Progress Applications.”
2. Locate the row for your submitted Lab Fees CRT LOI. The “Status” Column will indicate if your LOI is approved. Click “Open” to begin full application and access instructions and templates.
3. Click on the “Continue to Full Application” button at the bottom of the screen to access the Full Application materials.
I still have questions.....

1. Ask them today

2. Review the materials in the RFP, FAQs and Full Application Instructions

3. Visit our website at: https://www.ucop.edu/research-initiatives/programs/lab-fees/index.html

4. Contact us as questions arise
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