UC National Laboratory Fees Research Program
In-Residence Graduate Fellowships
2022

Applicant Webinar
April 2021
Applicant Webinar: Agenda and Topics

• Overview of Funding Opportunity
• Current Fellows Perspectives
• National Labs Introduction
• 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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UC National Laboratory Fees Research Program (LFRP)
In-Residence Graduate Fellowships

This program leverages the longstanding strategic relationship between the University of California, Los Alamos National Lab, and Lawrence Livermore National Lab, to provide support to graduate students who wish to conduct dissertation research in-residence at LANL or LLNL.
Award of $62,000 / year

Additional travel funds of $5,200 total

Two years, with possible third-year extension

Joint research oversight by UC academic advisor and lab mentor

Fellowship start date: April 1, 2022
Scoring Criteria

- Research Excellence
- Qualifications of the Applicant and Quality of Academic Preparation
- Strength of Training, Supervision, and Mentorship
Application First Steps

• Develop a research plan that aligns with your academic goals and national lab interests in consultation with your academic advisor

• Identify a laboratory scientist who will serve as mentor and research supervisor

• Refine the research plan in consultation with your lab mentor

• Develop a mentorship and training plan in consultation with the lab mentor
Current Fellows on the webinar

Naniette Coleman (UCB/LANL)

Drew Melchert (UCSB/LLNL)

Jared Reiten (UCLA/LANL)
UC National Laboratory Fees Research Program (LFRP)
Lab Liaisons on the webinar

Alan Hurd (Los Alamos)

Annie Kersting (Livermore)
LOI Requirements

To get started:

The required LOI must be submitted in SmartSimple.

Due: Thursday, June 3, 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
Key Dates

Thursday, June 3, 2021  Letters of Intent Due
Friday, June 18, 2021  LOI Notification
Thursday, September 2, 2021  Full Proposals Due
Friday, April 1, 2022  Fellowship Start Date
Accessing SmartSimple
Login to SmartSimple: https://ucop.smartsimple.com/

Returning users
login here

First-time users
register here
Creating an Account on SmartSimple
https://ucop.smartsimple.com

Enter your institution (all UC campuses start with “University of California”) and complete your applicant contact information.

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

Download instructions

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

“Save Draft” frequently; review & edit as needed.

Click “Submit LOI” to submit the LOI.
LOI Submission - Project Personnel

In the PROJECT CONTACTS tab, you must enter the following 3 individuals in the Project Personnel table:

1. Yourself (as “Applicant Principal Investigator”)
2. Your UC thesis advisor (as “Dissertation Advisor”)
3. Your proposed Lab Mentor (as “Mentor”)

Click “Enter Project Personnel” to add and edit entries

Biosketches for all 3 individuals will be added at the Full Application stage
I still have questions.....

1. *Ask them today*

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

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

4. Contact us as questions arise
Contact Information

For SmartSimple support:
Research Grants Program Office
RGPOGrants@ucop.edu

For programmatic questions:
University of California Research Initiatives (UCRI)
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From Approved LOI to Full Application

1. Click on “In Progress Applications.”
2. Locate the row for your submitted Lab Fees Graduate Fellows LOI. The “Status” Column will indicate if your LOI is approved. Click “Open” to begin full application and access instructions and templates.
From Approved LOI to Full Application

3. Click on the “Continue to Full Application” button at the bottom of the screen to access the Full Application materials.
Application Submission

Complete each section of the application.

Download templates and upload required attachments in the Documentation section.
Full Application: Inviting UC Advisor to submit a blinded letter of recommendation

1. Click on “Invite Personnel”
Full Application: Inviting UC Advisor to submit a blinded letter of recommendation

2. Click the plus button to add your UC Advisor
3. Enter the Advisor’s name and email address
4. Select Referee in the “Role” column
5. Click ‘Invite’ to send out invitation email.
Click the Budget tab

Click “Open” to start entering information

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Start typing the name of your signing official into the field and select from the list that populates.

If you cannot find their name in the list, click “Can’t find Signing Official.” Then click “Add Signing Official” and complete the form.
Budget tab - Editing the budget

Do not click “Budget Complete” until you have entered all the necessary budget figures and justification notes – clicking this button will lock your budget and you will not be able to make additional edits.
Scroll down to “Student Tuition Fees, Graduate Student Stipends”
Click “+” to add a new row.
Entries will populate in the budget summary at the top of the page.
Enter budget justification.
Repeat for “Travel Expenses” and “Indirect Costs / Facilities & Administrative (F&A) Costs” sections
Submit to Signing Official

Call for Application Details
Name: TRDRP 2019A - High Impact Pilot Award
Type: High Impact Pilot Award
Deadline: 09/27/2018 12:00:00

Templates and Instructions:
IP_Application_Instructions.pdf
1,516 KB - 07/18/2018 6:32pm

Total Files: 1

Applicant Signature
Check the box to indicate that you acknowledge the statement below and type in your full legal name to serve as your electronic signature.

I certify that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. I agree to accept responsibility for the scientific conduct of the project and to provide the required progress reports if a grant is awarded as a result of this application.

Applicant Electronic Signature (Type in your full legal name)
Jane Doe
Date
07/19/2018

Submit to Signing Official