



Multicampus research collaborations make unique contributions to the University of California and to the state by leveraging expertise and infrastructure across the UC system to address challenging problems. The highly competitive MRPI funding opportunity stimulates these important collaborations by fostering interdisciplinary partnerships on compelling topics that span the full breadth of academic scholarship. Since 2009, all ten UC campuses, the three UC-managed national labs, the UC natural reserve system and agricultural research stations have participated in MRPI-funded research. Their collaborations pursue breakthroughs at the frontiers of knowledge that benefit society and fulfill the UC research mission.

Program Snapshot

- Three funding rounds
- Open to all areas of study
- 3+ institutions per project
- 72 projects awarded
- \$111 million in total funding
- Overall funding rate 17%

Strengthening the University of California

MRPI funding helps maintain UC’s preeminence as the leading public university system by positioning our faculty to more successfully compete for extramural funding, helping retain leading scholars in all fields, and attracting top-quality graduate students who constitute the next generation of innovators and thought-leaders.



Benefiting the Lives of Californians

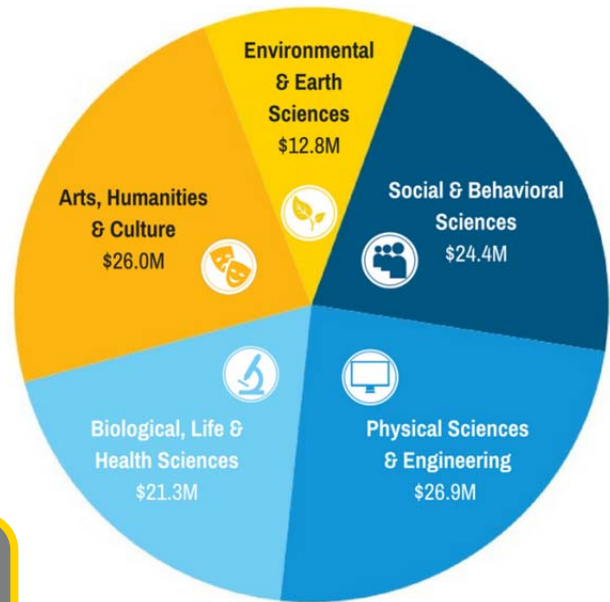
MRPI-funded research directly benefits California and its people. Our research portfolio includes projects in social and health disparities, water security, climate change, immigration and education. The state’s economy benefits from contributions to important industries including biotechnology, energy and entertainment. The diagram to the right depicts just 10 examples from our portfolio of 72 projects that show MRPI’s comprehensive scope.

MRPI funding for Humanities scholarship on all 10 campuses helps ensure UC’s preeminence as the world’s leading public university in these fields.



Stimulating Groundbreaking Research

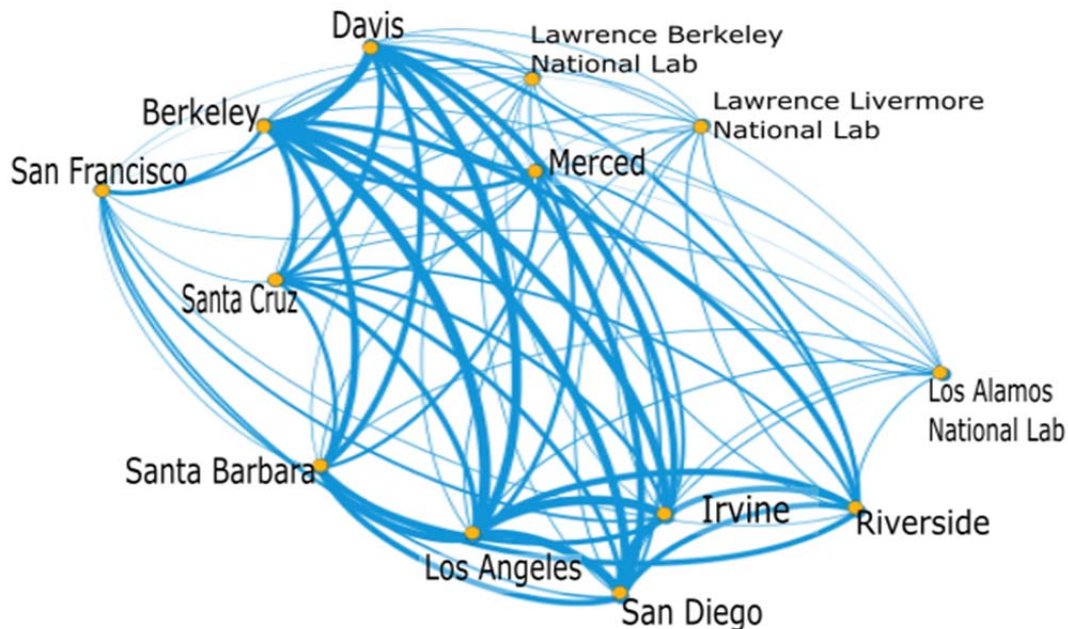
MRPI funding helps UC fulfill the universal mission of a comprehensive research university by supporting projects across the full range of academic disciplines. Our funds encourage discovery at the interstices of established fields in areas where novel, cutting-edge ideas emerge. MRPI projects are highly interdisciplinary: **over 40% of MRPI projects include collaborators from 3 or more different disciplines.** Our portfolio can be categorized in five thematic areas, but many projects include partners across these categories, ensuring that the research represents genuinely groundbreaking scholarship.



UC Irvine Professor Bruce McNaughton, who leads the *Memory Prosthetics* project, describes MRPI funding as “a wonderful way of getting different campuses to work together on an innovative scientific idea.”

Enhancing UC Collaboration

Each MRPI project is a **research partnership** among at least three UC campuses, and **22% of MRPI projects include the participation of 7 or more UC campuses or UC-managed national labs.** The result of this comprehensive investment is a strong collaborative faculty network that enhances the impact and benefits of the research for California and the nation.



*Lines connecting campuses indicate MRPI-funded partnerships.
Line thickness is proportional to the number of projects the connected institutions have partnered on together.*