Multicampus Research Programs and Initiatives (MRPI)

Program Snapshot

- 124 projects awarded
- $156M in total funding
- 6 funding cycles
- Open to all fields of study
- 3+ UC institutions per project
- 14% overall funding rate

Strengthening the University of California

MRPI funding helps maintain UC’s preeminence as the world’s 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.

$549M+
Extramural funds leveraged by MRPI investigators

739
UC faculty members participating in MRPI

55%
MRPI projects that include assistant professors

$36M
Funding support for graduate students and postdocs

Benefitting the Lives of Californians

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California and its people. Our research portfolio includes projects in social and KHDOWKGLVSDULWLHVGURXJKWDQGZLOC climate change, immigration and education.

7KHWFDWHJHFQROPEHQQWVIIURP contributions to important industries including biotechnology, energy and entertainment. Even a handful of examples from MRPI’s portfolio of 124 projects showcases the program’s comprehensive scope and UC’s power of ten.

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Our portfolio can be categorized in five thematic areas, but many projects include partners across these categories, encouraging discovery at the interstices of established fields.

MRPI grantees published over 1,700 articles - in the past six years, 52% of these were in the top ten percent of the highest impact journals, signaling the scholarly impact of the research.

“[MRPI funding] is a wonderful way of getting different campuses to work together on an innovative scientific idea.”

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**Stimulating Groundbreaking Research**

**Enhancing UC Collaboration**

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