Multicampus Research Programs and Initiatives (MRPI)

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT
- 125 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 and attracting top-quality graduate students who constitute the next generation of innovators and thought-leaders.

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT
- 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
Our research portfolio includes projects in social and healthcare, climate change, immigration and education.

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California and its people. Our research contributions to important industries including biotechnology, energy and entertainment. Even a handful of examples from MRPI’s portfolio of 125 projects showcases the program’s comprehensive scope and UC’s power of ten.

MRPI collaborations pursue breakthroughs at the frontiers of knowledge that benefit society and fulfill the UC research mission.
Each MRPI project is a research partnership among at least three UC campuses, and 57% of MRPI projects include the participation of four 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.

MRPI funding helps UC fulfill the universal mission of a comprehensive research university by supporting projects across the full range of academic disciplines. MRPI projects are highly interdisciplinary: 50% of MRPI projects include collaborators from three or more different disciplines.

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.”

-- Bruce McNaughton, UC Irvine Memory Prosthetics project

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