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Dear MRPI Grant Recipients and UC Research Community:

We are writing to update you on the status of the UC Multicampus Research Programs & Initiatives (MRPI) funding opportunity supported through the UC Office of the President.

As you may be aware, UC is anticipating a \$500 million dollar reduction in state funding for fiscal year 2011-12. Due to this severe reduction, support for many programs previously funded directly from the Office of the President will be reduced or eliminated. We find it distressing that we cannot fund all the superb programs the Office of the President has managed over the years, but we take consolation that savings produced by these actions will be redirected to the campuses to lower their proportional share of this extreme cut, and allow them to set priorities at the local level.

Despite these cuts, we are pleased to inform you that the current UC budget for the next fiscal year assumes that funding for the MRPI Grant Program will be maintained. This means that, barring further budget reductions (and contingent on adequate progress and compliance with the terms of the award), current award recipients can anticipate that their project will be funded at its approved budgeted level in FY 2011-12. Our commitment to meeting funding obligations for these awards is subject to change if the University is forced to absorb additional budget reductions in FY 2011-12 or thereafter.

Given the current budget climate and anticipated funding levels for UC, we are unlikely to be able to issue a new Call for Applications for MRPI awards prior to FY 2013-14 (for awards beginning in FY 2014-15), after obligations to awardees funded in the current 5-year cycle have been met. However, these plans are subject to change in response to either further cuts, or future restoration, to the UC budget. For updates on future RFP cycles, please visit our website at <http://www.ucop.edu/research/rgpo/>.

We hope this letter addresses any questions you have about the MRPI Program and the status of currently funded awards, and wish you continued success in your research endeavors.

Sincerely,

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