University of California President’s Research Catalyst Award 2016

Applicant Teleconference
May 2015
Applicant Webinar: Agenda and Topics

- Program Introductions
- Overview of Funding Opportunity Funding Priorities and Review Criteria
- How to Get Started and Apply
- How to Get Help and Questions Answered
- Key Deadlines
UC Research Initiatives
Research Grants Program Office

UCRI administers the Catalyst Award opportunity on behalf of President Napolitano

Programmatic questions should be directed to us at UCRI@ucop.edu

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This president’s initiative aims to advance innovative research in areas of strategic importance to UC that has the potential to benefit California, the nation and the world, and to stimulate public support for UC research.
UC President’s Research Catalyst Award ("Catalyst" or "PRCA")

$10 million total investment

$7 million this competition

Awards up to 3 years

Award Start Date: January 1, 2016

One-time opportunity to

“Catalyze”

President’s Key Systemwide Research Goals
Funding Priorities

Catalyze innovative scholarship

Significant, novel contributions to knowledge, science or scholarship

Compelling topics that have the potential to improve human lives, society, the environment, or the economy, enhance culture and community, or provide other public benefit

→ Research Excellence and Innovation
Funding Priorities

Catalyze multicampus, systemwide collaboration

Position UC as a national leader
Leverage systemwide resources to advance cutting edge research
Promote interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary approaches and problem-solving
Strong collaboration; meaningful participation across multiple campuses and systemwide

→ Systemwide impact and benefit
Funding Priorities

Catalyze public engagement

Engage CA public in UC research mission
Appropriate to fields/discipline:
  community collaboration / participation
  citizen science
  community outreach and problem-solving
  K-12 education
  others appropriate to scope of research (FAQs)

→ Engage and Benefit CA Communities
Catalyze faculty collaboration across career stages

Position UC faculty as leaders in key fields
Strong collaboration and meaningful participation across career stages (no fixed structure; see FAQs)

Mentorship
Professional advancement and retention

→ Faculty Leadership and Mentorship Opportunities
Funding Priorities

Catalyze graduate student training opportunities in cutting-edge research

Engage meaningfully in innovative research endeavor
Gain professional experience that enhances research careers
Support progress towards degree

→ Quality of graduate student training
Funding Priorities

Catalyze undergraduate participation in research

Educational, curricular or training/internship components (as appropriate to the fields and disciplines)

Research activities inform or transform curriculum

Contributions to Undergraduate Education or Curriculum
Funding Priorities

Other Considerations (full proposals)

• Proposed budget: Appropriate and Judicious
• Extramural leveraged funding likelihood and sustainability plan
• Campus commitment and administrative capacity
• Regulatory compliance barriers (if any)
• Relationship to Existing collaborations and Other Support

(*only bullet 5 may be considered at the LOI stage)
Who Can Apply

- “Lead” or “Submitting” PI Eligibility must be a UC campus Academic Appointee with PI status
- minimum 3 total (host + 2) collaborating UC campuses (with Co-PI site leads)
- Additional systemwide collaborators as appropriate: campuses, DANR, national labs, Hastings, other UC research entities (PI status at home institution)

Questions about eligibility of a PI, Co-I or institution? Please contact us at UCRI@ucop.edu
LOI Requirements

To get started:

• Required LOI submitted on proposalCENTRAL

• Identify PI and Site Leads

• Project Scope, Proposed Title and Thematic/disciplinary areas

• Total estimated budget

  Ask for what you need, but not more than you need (appropriate and judicious)
LOI Requirements

• Abstract:
  Research Topic/Scope Summary: What will you do?
  Significance, Impact, Contribution of the Research: Why do we care?

• Questions: Approach to Collaboration Components:
  Multicampus structure and participation
  Benefits and impact on Faculty, Graduate and Undergraduate students
  California communities
LOI Tips

• Follow the instructions
• Use template(s) provided:
  
  *Adherence to the limits and structure does count*

• Avoid jargon: these proposals must be able to communicate their potential impact and benefit (why do we care?) not only to other scholars, but also to the broader public

• Submit early: No late LOIs will be accepted
  12:00 Noon PT, Thursday, June 4th

*proposalCentral posts time at 3 pm ET*
LOI Selection Process

• LOIs reviewed for
  -> Eligibility and Adherence to Requirements
  -> Programmatic Fit

  Compelling topic
  Collaboration and Impact

• Prioritized LOI list up to
  -> 30 LOIs or
    $25 million in total requests

  Invitation to submit full proposal
• Only “approved” LOIs can submit full proposals

• Invitation provides access to the application materials online

• Notification in early July: Applicants can begin work referencing the Proposal Requirements in the RFP

• LOIs are binding as to topics and scope, but full elaboration of the proposed plan does allow for some deviation from the approved LOI, as long as the changes comply with program requirements and funding priorities.
Accessing proposalCENTRAL

Login to pC: [https://proposalcentral.altum.com/](https://proposalcentral.altum.com/)

Log in Here

Create New Account Here
Creating an Account on proposalCENTRAL (pC)  
http://proposalcentral.altum.com

Please create a username for this account. Your username and/or email address, in combination with the password created below, allow you to access your proposalCENTRAL account.

*Username: 

Please enter your first name

*First Name: 

Please enter your last name

*Last Name: 

Please provide a primary email address for this account. This email address will be used for all correspondence and notifications from proposalCENTRAL and the participating grant-makers. This email address can be used in place of the username to login.

*Email: 

Please enter a password for this account. Passwords must be 6 to 12 characters in length, with at least one alpha and one numeric character.

*New Password: 

Please re-type the password for confirmation.

*Confirm Password: 

Please provide a challenge question and an answer below it. These will be used for verification by Customer Service or if the user forgets their password.

*Challenge Question: *Mother's maiden name?

*Answer: 

Please note that your username and password will be included in emails sent to you by the system and any grant makers for which you submit applications.

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Preparing and Submitting LOI

1. Click on the “Grant Opportunities” tab.

2. Choose “University of California Research Initiatives – PRCA” and click on “Filter List by GrantMaker”

3. Click “Apply Now” to start an LOI.
There are 13 (short) sections or “pages” to complete (left menu bar)

First: Click “Download templates and instructions”
Save, Print or reference the Instructions. Follow LOI instructions precisely.

Click “Edit”
pC will take you to the Title Page. Create (or edit) your title.

Click “Next” to progress to each of the LOI sections.

Complete each section. For the “Uploads,” complete, pdf, and upload the funding disclosure template.

You can save at any time and come back.

Once all sections are complete (and the pdf uploaded), Click “Submit”
You must click submit.

You will get a confirmation email. If you do not receive the email at the address you applied under, then you have not submitted your LOI.
Download instructions & template in section 2.

Be sure to click “Submit” after LOI has been validated.
From Approved LOI to Invited Application:

1. Click the “Manage Proposals” tab.
2. By default, the system displays your “In Progress” page. Locate the row for your Catalyst Award LOI.
3. Confirm approval of your LOI under the “Status” Column.
4. Click “Edit” to begin full application and access instructions and templates.
Download instructions & templates in section 2.

Print cover page to obtain necessary signatures.

Upload all required attachments here (including signed cover page [full proposal only])

Click “Submit” after the proposal has been validated.
I still have questions.....

1. Ask them today
2. Visit our website at:
   http://ucop.edu/research-initiatives/index.html
3. Read the FAQs
4. Email us: UCRI@ucop.edu [programmatic]
5. Check for updates: we will update program announcements or the FAQ document with new information or clarifications
6. Ask for guidance from your campus Research office
The Research Grant Programs Office (RGPO) Contracts and Grants Unit (C&G)

RGPO C&G

- works in collaboration with multiple research programs, including UCRI.

- serves as interface on administrative and procedural aspects of your Letter of Intent (LOI) or Application and their submission and review process

Contact:

Email: RGPOgrants@ucop.edu (Best method)
Phone: 510-987-9386
proposalCENTRAL (pC) support

Contact pC support for all technical issues, including user account retrieval

- Email: pcsupport@altum.com
- Phone (Toll Free): 1-800-875-2562

- Normal Business Hours:
  M-F 8:30am - 5:00pm Eastern Time
  M-F 5:30am – 2:00pm Pacific Time
Key Dates

Thursday, June 4, 2015    Letters of Intent Due
Friday, July 10, 2015     LOI Notification
Wednesday, August 26, 2015 Full Proposals Due