
University of California Cancer Research Coordinating Committee (CRCC)

Application Process for 2026-27 Awards

December 2025

January 2026

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AGENDA

Funding opportunity

- Brief program overview
- Eligibility criteria
- Budget guidelines
- Key deadlines

How to apply

- Orientation to SmartSimple (slides only)
- Video available on our [website](#)

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RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM OFFICE

Programmatic questions should be directed to
UCRI@ucop.edu

Presenter:

- Betty Guo Program Officer, Lead for CRCC

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UC CANCER RESEARCH COORDINATING COMMITTEE FACULTY SEED GRANTS

- Topics must be directly relevant to cancer, including its origins, prevention and cure
- Any discipline
- Applications in disciplines outside of basic and clinical/translational science are welcome (e.g., public health, nursing, community-based research)
- Clinical trials not allowed

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UC CANCER RESEARCH COORDINATING COMMITTEE FACULTY SEED GRANTS

- Single PI, 1-year awards
- Up to \$85,000 maximum; \$10,000 cancer research traineeship supplement
- 2 Categories: New Assistant Professor (NAP) and Regular (REG)
- Award Start Date: *October 1, 2026*

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UC CANCER RESEARCH COORDINATING COMMITTEE FACULTY SEED GRANTS

Funded through:

- Endowments to the UC earmarked for cancer research
- California Cancer Research Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund

To support:

- Research on causes, detection, prevention of cancer
- Expand community-based education on cancer
- Prevention and awareness activities for communities disproportionately at risk or afflicted by cancer

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WHO CAN APPLY?

New Assistant Professor (NAP) and Regular (REG)

- Academic Senate member
- Employed minimum 50% time on UC-administered payrolls at a UC campus
- May not have >\$350,000 (direct costs) in research support for award period (*October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027*)
 - See FAQs #9 & #10

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Please carefully review the RFP and FAQs

WHO CAN APPLY?

New Assistant Professor (NAP) and Regular (REG)

- Applicants cannot receive funding for 2 consecutive years
- Applicants must be in compliance with CRCC reporting (and RGPO reporting, if applicable)
- Applicants must have been at UC at least one year by award start
 - In either category, must have initial UC appointment date by October 1, 2025 or earlier
 - NAP applicants must have effective initial UC appointment date between October 1, 2020 and October 1, 2025

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PROPOSAL ELIGIBILITY

New Assistant Professor (NAP) and Regular (REG)

- May submit only one proposal per year
- May be co-I on only one proposal per year
- Can revise and resubmit an unsuccessful proposal only once
- Resubmission must occur no later than two years after original submission

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PROPOSAL ELIGIBILITY

NAP-specific

- May apply every year
- May propose *logical extension* of current research

REG-specific

- May apply no more than twice in any sequential 3-year period
- Must propose new research, *NOT logical extension* of current research

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BUDGET GUIDELINES

No IDC

Allowable Costs

- Support for graduate students, postdocs and other trainees
- Supplies and other expenses
- Project-related travel for data collection

Non-allowable Costs

- Faculty PI or co-I salary
- Patient care costs
- Conference or meeting travel

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Not a comprehensive list

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Carefully review RFP, FAQs & Appendix 3

KEY DATES

Letters of Intent Due (Required)

Thursday, January 22, 2026
12:00 pm Noon PT

LOI Notification

By Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Full Proposals Due

Thursday, April 2, 2026
12:00 pm Noon PT

Notification of Review Outcome

Thursday, August 4, 2026
(expected)

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**All application materials must be submitted
through SmartSimple**

CANCER RESEARCH TRAINEESHIP SUPPLEMENT

- Awardees may apply for \$10,000 supplement
- To support undergraduate, Master's and post-baccalaureate trainees in cancer research
 - Trainee works within scope of funded parent project
 - Funding primarily for trainee(s)' salary/stipend
- Runs concurrent with parent award; applications due 4-6 weeks after award notification

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Please refer to RFP and Appendix 5

LOI TIPS

- **Start early** to become familiar with SmartSimple
- Detailed **instructions** are provided in SmartSimple
- *No late LOIs will be accepted*

Due 12:00 pm **Noon PT**
Thursday, January 22, 2026

Please refer to instructions in RFP and Appendix 4

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LOI SELECTION PROCESS

LOIs reviewed for

- PI eligibility
- Completeness and adherence to proposal eligibility requirements

LOIs NOT reviewed for

- Scientific content
- Feasibility of project within budget guidelines

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LOI SELECTION PROCESS

Notification in February

- Applicants with approved LOIs will have access to the Full Application materials in SmartSimple
 - [Templates](#)
 - [Submission instructions](#)

Full Application

- LOIs must reasonably represent the intended project scope and topic in full application
- Any modifications in the full proposal must comply with program eligibility requirements

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FULL PROPOSAL TIPS

- Must submit through campus **Sponsored Programs Office!**
- Use **templates** provided in SmartSimple
- Detailed application **instructions** will be available in SmartSimple
- **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 a general academic audience

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Research Grants Program Office (RGPO)

Contracts and Grants Unit (C&G)

- Works in collaboration with multiple research programs, including UCRI and CRCC.
- Serves as interface on administrative and procedural aspects of your **Letter of Intent** or **Full Application** and their submission and review process.
- **Provides technical support for and answers to questions about SmartSimple, including user account retrieval.**

Email: RGPOgrants@ucop.edu

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How to Apply in SmartSimple

Video available on our [website](#)

The following instructional slides correspond to those
in the video

University of California Cancer Research Coordinating Committee (CRCC)

**Application Process for 2026-27 Awards
SmartSimple Slides**

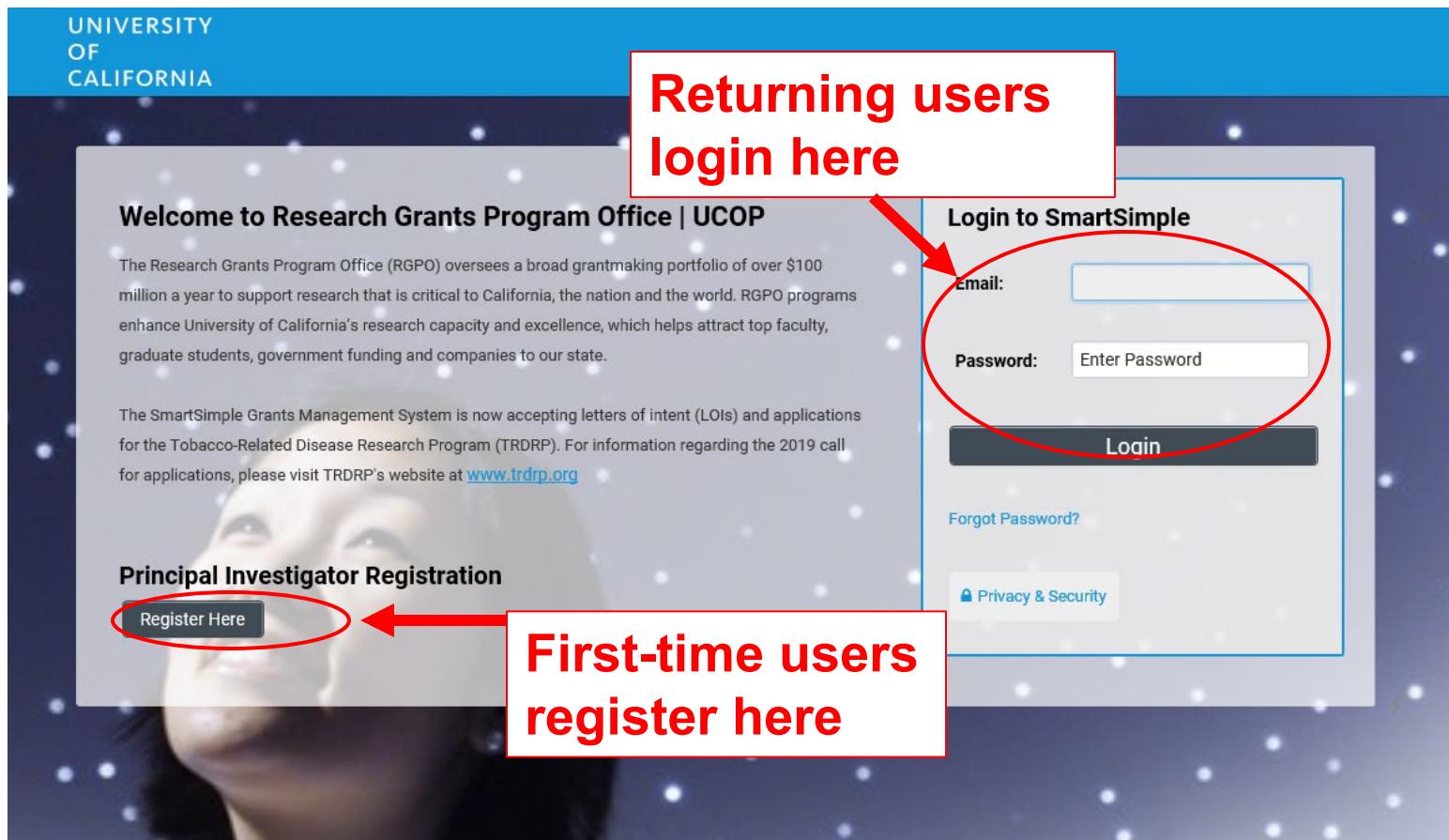
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Accessing SmartSimple

Login to SmartSimple: <https://rgpogrants.ucop.edu/>



Creating an Account on SmartSimple

<https://rgpogrants.ucop.edu>

Enter your institution and complete your applicant contact information. (Note: all UC campuses are *listed in the system with their full “University of California” name.*)

If you receive a message that an account with your email address already exists, return to the main login page and click “**Forgot Password.**”

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Institution Information

Instructions
Please start typing the name of your institution. A dropdown list will appear, in order to select your institution. If the name does not exist, [search the IRS database](#).

*** Institution Name**

Contact Information

*** Email**

*** First Name**

*** Last Name**

*** Address**

*** City**

*** Country**
 United States

*** State / Province**
 --- Select One ---

*** Zip / Postal Code**

*** Telephone Number**

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Privacy - Terms

Submit

Preparing and Submitting an LOI



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Available Funding Opportunities

List of available funding opportunities below includes both open and upcoming opportunities. All times are in military time and in the Pacific Time Zone.

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#	Name	Description	Policies and Guidelines	LOI Deadline	Full Application Deadline	
1	CBCRP 2025 – Policy Initiative, Regulation of Pesticides Linked to Breast Cancer	The Pesticide Regulation Policy Initiative aims to examine what enhancements can be made to the human health risk assessment of pesticides process at the California EPA's Department of Pesticide Registration to make these evaluations more health protective especially regarding breast cancer concerns. CBCRP will fund one project with this initiative, with a maximum total direct cost budget of \$150,000 and a maximum duration of 9 months. A separate total direct cost budget of \$50,000 is available for a dissemination plan.	Policy-Pesticides-RFO.pdf	08/07/2025 12:00:00		i Info Apply 2

1. Click on the “Available Funding Opportunities” tab in the top menu bar.
2. Find the row that corresponds to the award you’re interested in and click “Apply.”

LOI Submission Steps

The screenshot shows a web-based application for LOI submission. The top navigation bar includes links for Privacy & Security, Jane Doe, Pending Opportunities, and Historical Applications. The main content area shows a file named 'IR_Application_Instructions.pdf' (1,919 KB, 07/18/2018 6:31pm) with a 'Preview' button. Below this are tabs for TITLE PAGE, APPLICANT / PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, PROJECT INFORMATION, BUDGET, and SIGNATURE PAGE. The APPLICANT tab is active. The form fields include Application ID (T29IR0259), Project Title (a text input placeholder 'Please enter the project title here; no'), Project Duration (year) (a dropdown menu 'Select One'), Project Start Date (a date input with calendar icon), and Project End Date (a date input with calendar icon). At the bottom are buttons for Save Draft, Submit LOI (with a checked checkbox), and Withdraw.

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Privacy & Security Jane Doe

Pending Opportunities Historical Applications

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Download instructions

Click the section headings to access and complete each section of the LOI.

Application ID: T29IR0259

* Project Title: Please enter the project title here; no
100 characters left

* Project Duration (year): -- Select One --

* Project Start Date: mm/dd/yyyy

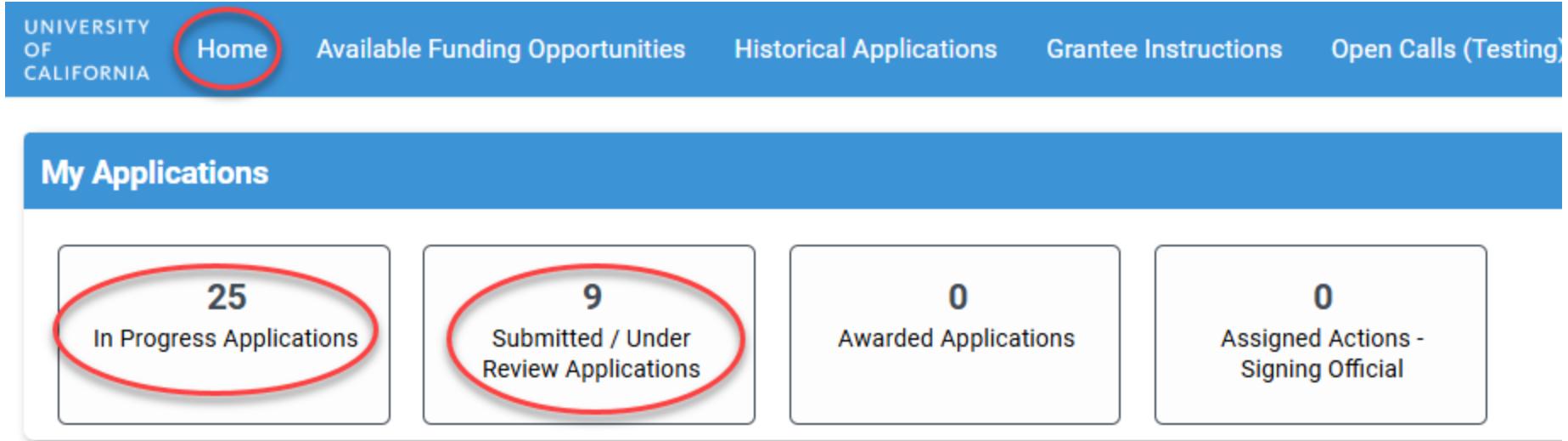
* Project End Date: mm/dd/yyyy

Save Draft Submit LOI Withdraw

(“Save Draft” frequently; review & edit as needed.)

Click “Submit LOI” to submit the LOI.

Accessing Your Draft LOI



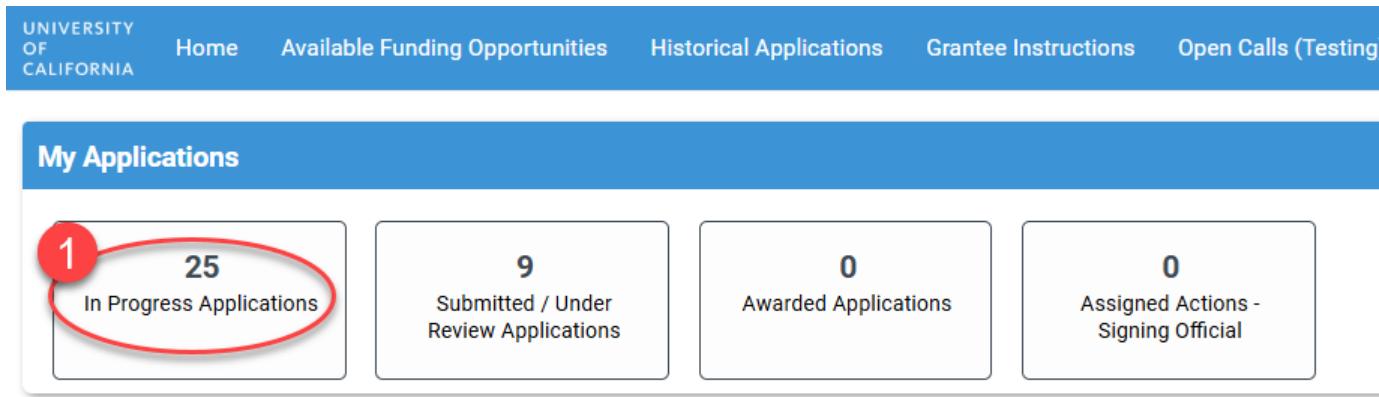
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA **Home** Available Funding Opportunities Historical Applications Grantee Instructions Open Calls (Testing)

My Applications

25 In Progress Applications	9 Submitted / Under Review Applications	0 Awarded Applications	0 Assigned Actions - Signing Official
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1. Click the “Home” link in the top bar of the screen
Note: you should by default land on this dashboard when you log into SmartSimple
2. Click “In Progress Applications” to access your draft LOI.
3. After submission of an LOI or Full Application, the record can be found under “Submitted/Under Review Applications”

From Approved LOI to Full Application



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My Applications

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In Progress Applications

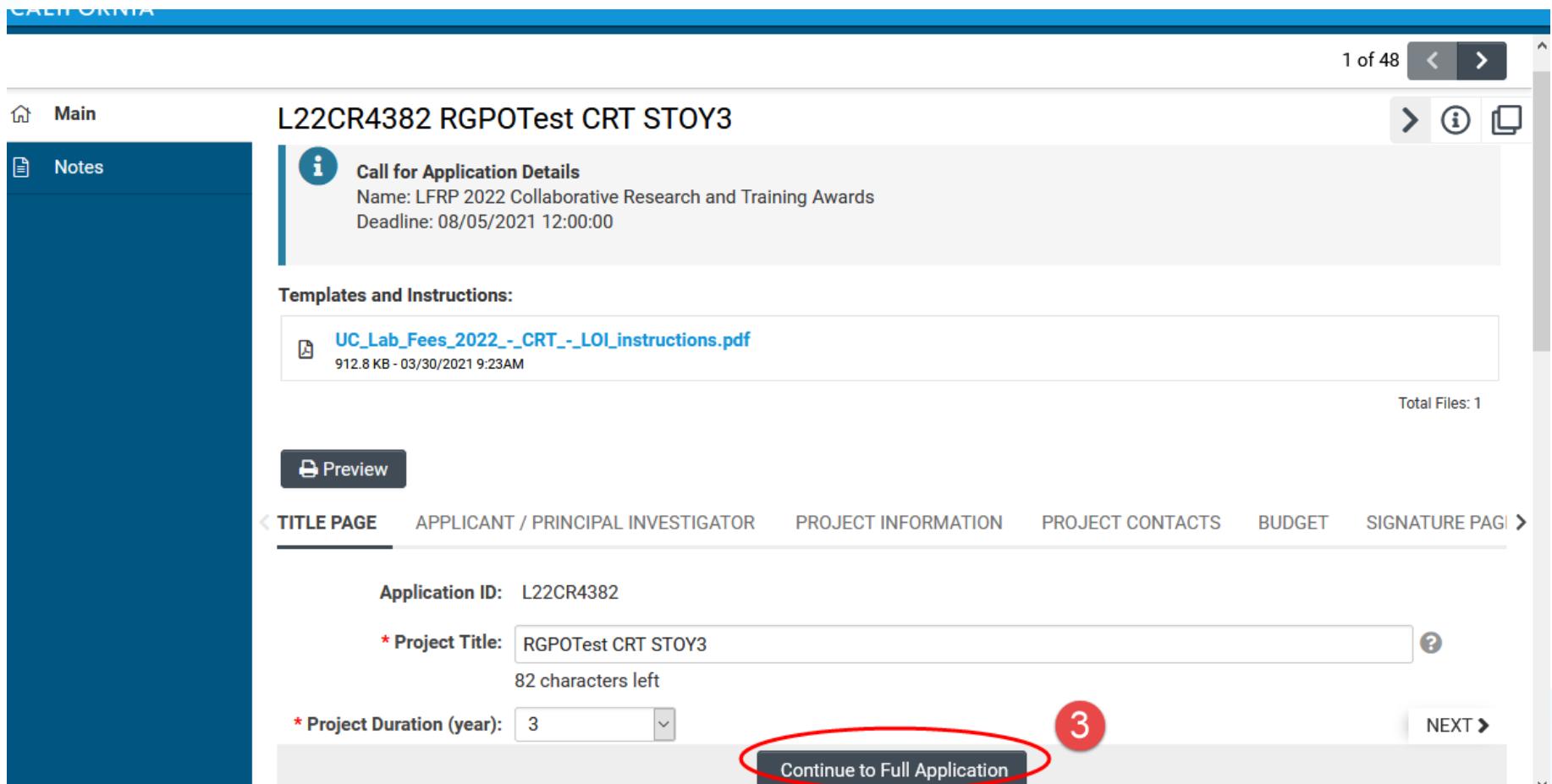
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#	RFP	Application ID	Project Title	PI Name	My Role	LOI Deadline Date	FA Deadline Date	Status	
1	RGPOTest CRCC 2026-27 - Faculty Seed Grants	C27CR11051	RGPOTest this is the second CRCC Faculty Seed test	Laurie- PI1 Stevens- PI1	Principal Investigator	01/22/2026	04/02/2026	2 Invited to Full Application	Open

CRCC LOI notifications will go out by February 11, 2026

1. Click on “In Progress Applications.”
2. Locate the row for your submitted **CRCC LOI**. The “Status” Column will indicate if your LOI is approved. Click “**Open**” to begin full application and access instructions and templates.

From Approved LOI to Full Application



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Main Notes

L22CR4382 RGPOTest CRT STOY3

Call for Application Details

Name: LFRP 2022 Collaborative Research and Training Awards
Deadline: 08/05/2021 12:00:00

Templates and Instructions:

[UC_Lab_Fees_2022_-_CRT_-_LOI_instructions.pdf](#)
912.8 KB - 03/30/2021 9:23AM

Total Files: 1

Preview

TITLE PAGE APPLICANT / PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR PROJECT INFORMATION PROJECT CONTACTS BUDGET SIGNATURE PAGE >

Application ID: L22CR4382

* Project Title: RGPOTest CRT STOY3
82 characters left

* Project Duration (year): 3

3

Continue to Full Application

NEXT >

3. Click “Continue” button on bottom of screen to access full application materials.

Application Submission

Instructions can be downloaded from the top of every page.

Type: Hormone in Water Initiative
Deadline: 12/05/2019 12:00:00

Templates and Instructions:

[CBCRP_Submission_Instructions_by_Award_Type.pdf](#)
20.6 KB - 08/27/2019 12:49pm

Complete each section of the application.

Total Files: 1

Preview

TITLE PAGE APPLICANT / PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR PROJECT INFORMATION PROJECT CONTACTS BUDGET ASSURANCES DOCUMENTATION SIGNATURE PAGE

Application ID: B26PW1210

* Project Title: RGPOTest - CBCRP Water STOY1

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* Project Duration (year): - Select One -

* Proposed Project Start Date: mm/dd/yyyy

* Proposed Project End Date: mm/dd/yyyy

Download templates and upload required attachments in the Documentation section.

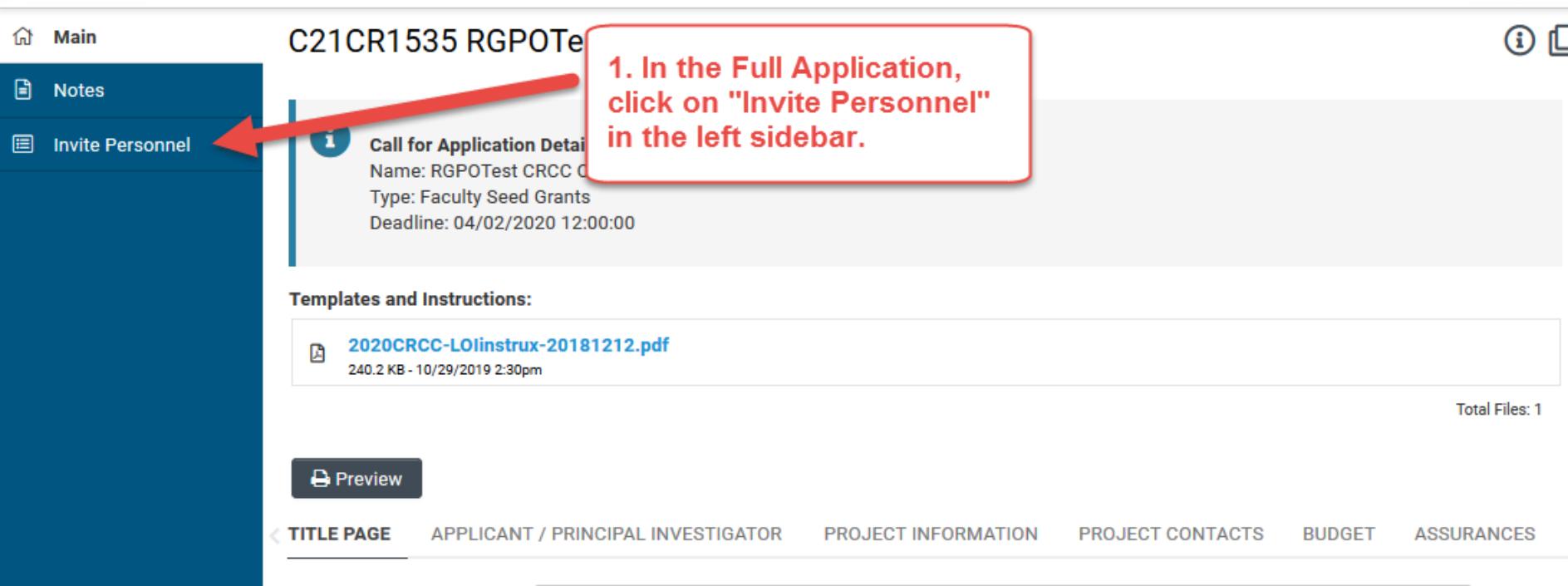
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Save Draft

Withdraw

Submit to Signing Official

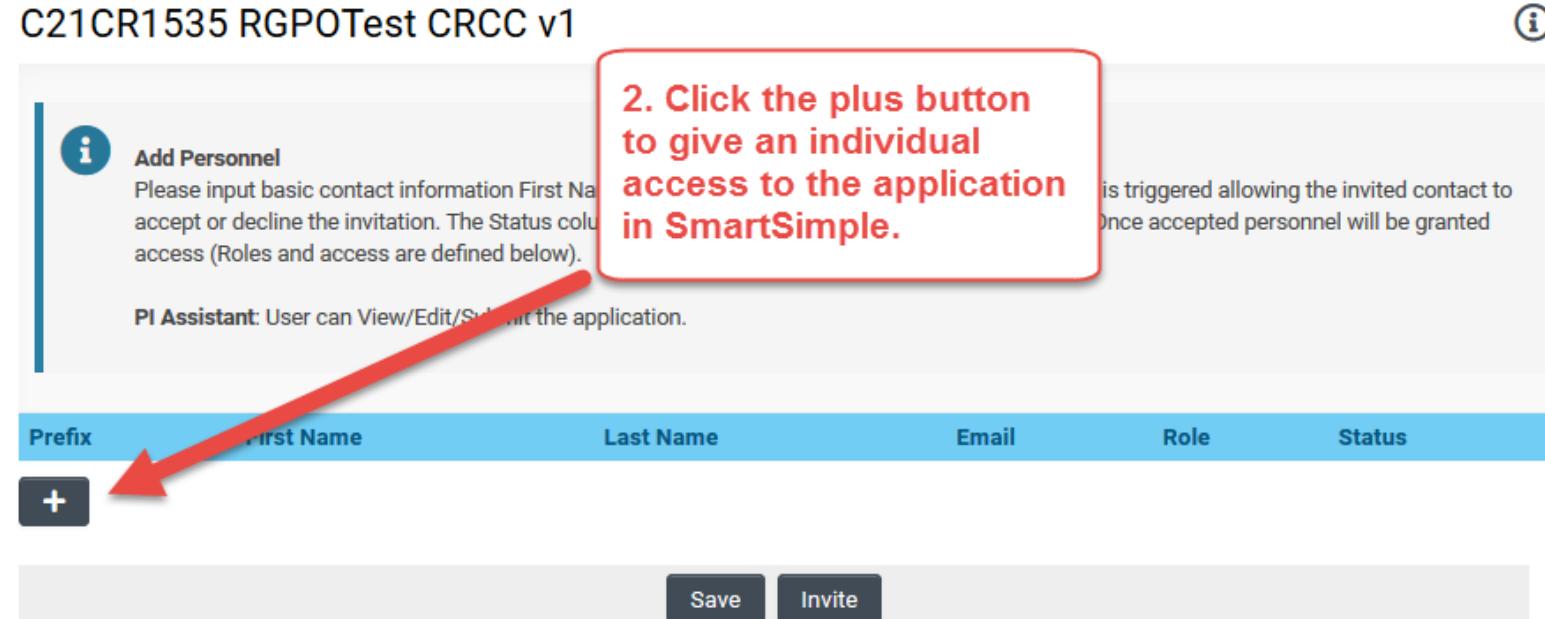
Full Application: Inviting someone to edit



The screenshot shows a web-based application interface for a 'Full Application'. On the left, a dark blue sidebar contains three items: 'Main', 'Notes', and 'Invite Personnel', with a red arrow pointing to 'Invite Personnel'. The main content area displays an application with the identifier 'C21CR1535 RGPOTe'. A red box highlights the text: '1. In the Full Application, click on "Invite Personnel" in the left sidebar.' Below the application identifier is a 'Call for Application Details' section with the following information: Name: RGPOTest CRCC C, Type: Faculty Seed Grants, and Deadline: 04/02/2020 12:00:00. Further down, there is a 'Templates and Instructions' section containing a file named '2020CRCC-LOlinstrux-20181212.pdf' (240.2 KB, 10/29/2019 2:30pm). A 'Preview' button is located below this section. At the bottom, a navigation bar includes tabs for 'TITLE PAGE' (which is active), 'APPLICANT / PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR', 'PROJECT INFORMATION', 'PROJECT CONTACTS', 'BUDGET', and 'ASSURANCES'. A 'Total Files: 1' label is also present on the right side of the preview section.

1. Click on “Invite Personnel”

Full Application: Inviting someone to edit



Main

Notes

Invite Personnel

C21CR1535 RGPOTest CRCC v1

2. Click the plus button to give an individual access to the application in SmartSimple.

Add Personnel
Please input basic contact information First Name, Last Name, Email, Role, and Status. You can accept or decline the invitation. The Status column indicates if the invitation has been accepted or declined. The Role column indicates the level of access (Roles and access are defined below).

PI Assistant: User can View/Edit/Submit the application.

Prefix	First Name	Last Name	Email	Role	Status
+					

Save

Invite

2. Click the plus button to add an individual who needs access to the application in SmartSimple.
3. Enter the individual's name and email address.
4. Repeat as needed.
5. Click 'Invite' to send out invitation emails.

Budget tab

Templates and Instructions:

Click the Budget tab

Click “Open” to start entering information

PROJECT INVESTIGATOR PROJECT INFORMATION PROJECT CONTACTS **BUDGET** ASSI >

Total Project Costs

Action	Owner - Institution	Total DC	Total IDC	Total
Open	Jane Doe 2 - MERCY HOUSING CALIFORNIA	\$141,750	\$42,225	\$183,975
Total		\$141,750	\$42,225	\$183,975

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[Save Draft](#)

[Withdraw](#)

[Submit to Signing Official](#)

Budget tab – Adding Institution Contacts

Start typing the name of your signing official into the field and select from the list that populates.

If you cannot find their name in the list, contact your department administrator or Contracts and Grants office to determine the name and email of your institution's Signing Official. Then select "Can't find Signing Official," click "Add Signing Official" and complete the form.

INSTITUTION CONTACTS BUDGET SUMMARY BUDGET DETAILS

Institution Contact Instructions

Contact your department administrator or Contracts and Grants office to determine the name and email of your institution's authorized Signing Official

* **Signing Official**

This should identify the individual who is authorized to act for the Applicant Organization, and who will assume the obligations imposed by the requirements and

Select One

* **Fiscal Contact**

This should identify the individual at the Applicant Organization who will serve as the authorized fiscal officer for official grant accounting issues.

Select One

* **Contracts and Grants Contact**

This should identify the individual in the Applicant Organization's Contracts and Grants Office, or comparable unit, who will administer the grant for the institution

Select One

Can't find the contact you're looking for?

Can't find Signing Official
 Can't find Fiscal Contact
 Can't find Contracts and Grants Contact

Add Signing Official

Budget tab – Editing the budget

Faculty Seed Grants Application » Budget

[↑ Back to Application](#)



Budget Instructions:

Please open the budget and carefully read the limits set on the call for numbers.

INSTITUTION CONTACTS

BUDGET SUMMARY

BUDGET DETAILS

Please click the Edit Budget button below to enter your budget information.

[Edit Budget](#)

RGPO Test Becky PI2 - MERCY HOUSING CALIFORNIA

Budget Summary

TOTAL BUDGET

\$0 \$0

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[Save Draft](#)

[Budget Complete](#)

Click “**Save Draft**” to save your work.

Once you have entered all the necessary budget figures and justification notes, click “**Budget Complete**” to lock the budget section.



Budget tab – Editing the budget

Scroll down to
“Personnel Costs.”
Click “+” to add a new
row.

Entries will populate in the budget summary at the top of the page.

Enter budget justification.

Repeat for all budget categories.

Budget Detail Justification

The budget table on the top of this page is generated from expenses entered in the budget categories below. Please scroll down to the budget categories and click "+" to enter your expenses. Please note you must manually calculate and enter any indirect costs in the budget category section at the bottom of this page. For each budget category, provide all necessary justification. There is no character limit on the budget justification, though it should be concise.

The per year direct cost maximum is: \$250,000.00

The total direct cost maximum is: \$750,000.00

	Year 1	Total
Personnel Costs	\$2,000	\$2,000
Student Tuition Fees, Graduate Student Stipends	\$0	\$0
Other Project Expenses	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0
Travel Expenses	\$0	\$0
Subcontracts	\$0	\$0
Service Contracts and Consultants	\$0	\$0
Direct Costs	\$2,000	\$2,000
Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC)	\$2,000	\$2,000
Indirect Costs (IDC)Total	\$0	\$0
Total Expenses	\$2,000	\$2,000

1. Personnel Costs (Salary and Fringe)

Salaries and Fringe Benefits	Year1	Total
Salary 1	\$2,000	\$2,000
	\$2,000	\$2,000

For each person supported by this grant, describe their contribution to the project.

Justification

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Call for Application Details

Name: TRDRP 2019A - High Impact Pilot Award
Type: High Impact Pilot Award
Deadline: 09/27/2018 12:00:00

Templates and Instructions:

[IP_Application_Instructions.pdf](#)
1,916 KB - 07/18/2018 6:32pm

Total Files: 1

[Preview](#)

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*** Applicant Signature**

Check the box to indicate that you acknowledge the statement below and type in your full legal name to serve as your electronic signature.

I certify that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. I agree to accept responsibility for the scientific conduct of the project and to provide the required progress reports if a grant is awarded as a result of this application.

*** Applicant Electronic Signature (Type in your full legal name)**

*** Date**

Click "Save Draft" before clicking on the "Submit to Signing Official" button to submit your application

[Save Draft](#) [Submit to Signing Official](#)

Contact Information

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RGPOGrants@ucop.edu

For programmatic questions:

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