Laboratory Fees Research Program
UC-NL In-Residence Graduate Fellowships
2025

Program Information Session
April 2024
Information Session: Agenda and Topics

- Overview of Funding Opportunity
- National Labs Introductions
- Fellows Perspectives
- Questions & Answers
- How to Submit Letter of Intent (LOI)
UC Research Initiatives
Research Grants Program Office

UCRI administers the Laboratory Fees Research Program on behalf of the University of California.

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

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Laboratory Fees Research Program (LFRP) In-Residence Graduate Fellowships

This program leverages the longstanding strategic relationship between the University of California, Los Alamos National Lab, and Lawrence Livermore National Lab, to provide support to graduate students who wish to conduct dissertation research in-residence at LANL or LLNL.
Laboratory Fees Research Program (LFRP)  
In-Residence Graduate Fellowships

Award of $75,000 / year
Additional travel funds of $5,000 total
Two- or three-year fellowship period

Joint research oversight by
UC academic advisor and lab mentor

Fellowship start date: April 1, 2025
Who Can Apply

- Full-time UC graduate students in doctoral programs who have, or will be, advanced to candidacy before April 1, 2025

- Must commit to at least 80% time to the proposed research, and be in-residence at the lab at least 6 months of each fellowship year

Questions about eligibility?
Please contact us at UCRI@ucop.edu
Fellowship Application Process

1. Letter of Intent
2. LOI Review
3. Advancement to Full Proposal
4. Full Proposal Submission
5. Proposal Review and Selection
Preparing to Apply

• Start developing a research plan that aligns with your academic goals and national lab interests in consultation with your dissertation advisor

• Identify a laboratory scientist who will serve as mentor and research supervisor

• Refine the research plan in consultation with your lab mentor and dissertation advisor

• Develop a mentorship and training plan in consultation with your lab mentor and dissertation advisor
Letter of Intent

The required LOI must be submitted in SmartSimple.

Due: Thursday, May 30, 12:00 Noon Pacific

No late LOIs will be accepted
Invitation to Submit Full Proposal

• Only approved LOIs can submit full proposals

• Invitation provides access to the application materials online

• Notification in mid-June: Applicants can begin work by referencing the proposal requirements in the RFP
Full Application Scoring Criteria

- Research Excellence
- Strength of Training, Supervision, and Mentorship
- Qualifications of the Applicant and Quality of Academic Preparation
Key Dates

Letters of Intent Due  Thursday, May 30, 2024
LOI Notification  Friday, June 14, 2024
Full Proposals Due  Thursday, September 5, 2024
Fellowship Start Date  April 1, 2025
UC National Laboratory Fees Research Program (LFRP)
Lab Liaisons on the Webinar

Heather Erpenbeck
(Los Alamos)

Eric Schwegler (Livermore)
Current Fellows on the Webinar

Andrew Chio (UCI/LANL)

Angela Encerrado (UCD/LLNL)

Haotian Mao (UCSD/LANL)
Q & A
Accessing SmartSimple
Login to SmartSimple: https://rgpogrants.ucop.edu/

Returning users
login here

First-time users
register here
Creating an Account on SmartSimple
https://rgpogrants.ucop.edu

Enter your institution (all UC campuses start with “University of California”) and complete your applicant contact information.

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

1. Click on the “Available Funding Opportunities” tab in the upper right corner.
2. Find the row that corresponds to the award you’re interested in and click “Apply.”
LOI Submission Steps

Download instructions

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

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

Click “Submit LOI” to submit the LOI.
LOI Submission - Project Personnel

In the PROJECT CONTACTS tab, you must enter the following 3 individuals in the Project Personnel table:

1. Yourself (as “Applicant Principal Investigator”)
2. Your UC thesis advisor (as “Dissertation Advisor”)
3. Your proposed Lab Mentor (as “Mentor”)

Click “Enter Project Personnel” to add and edit entries.

Biosketches for all 3 individuals will be added at the Full Application stage.
If you still have questions...

1. Ask them today

2. Review the materials in the RFP, FAQs and LOI and Full Application Instructions

3. Visit our website at:
https://www.ucop.edu/research-initiatives/programs/lab-fees/index.html

4. Contact us as questions arise
Contact Information

For SmartSimple support:

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For programmatic questions:

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