Information Session: Agenda and Topics

• Overview of Funding Opportunity
• National Labs Introductions
• Current 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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UCRI Program Officers: Erin Marnocha, Rebecca Stanek-Rykoff, Anna Ward
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 $62,000 / year
Additional travel funds of $5,200 total
Two- or three-year fellowship period

Joint research oversight by
UC academic advisor and lab mentor

Fellowship start date: April 1, 2023
Who Can Apply

• Full-time UC graduate students in doctoral programs who have, or will be, advanced to candidacy before April 1, 2023

• 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, June 2nd, 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, June 2, 2022
LOI Notification  Monday, June 20, 2022
Full Proposals Due  Thursday, September 8, 2022
Fellowship Start Date  April 1, 2023
Accessing SmartSimple

Login to SmartSimple: [https://ucop.smartsimple.com/](https://ucop.smartsimple.com/)

Returning users login here

First-time users register here
Creating an Account on SmartSimple

https://ucop.smartsimple.com

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

Click "Submit LOI" to submit the LOI.

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

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