Multicampus research collaborations make unique contributions to the University of California and to the state and nation by leveraging expertise and infrastructure across the UC system to address challenging problems.

Since 2009, all ten UC campuses, the three UC-managed national labs, the UC natural reserve system and agricultural research stations have participated in MRPI-funded research.

MRPI collaborations pursue breakthroughs at the frontiers and attracting top-quality graduate students who constitute the next generation of innovators and thought-leaders.

Program Snapshot
- 125 projects awarded
- $156M in research awards
- 6 funding cycles
- Open to all fields of study
- 3+ UC institutions per project
- 14% overall funding rate

Strengthening the University of California
MRPI funding helps maintain UC’s preeminence as the world’s leading public university system by positioning and attracting top-quality graduate students who constitute the next generation of innovators and thought-leaders.

Benefitting the Lives of Californians
053,IXQGHGUHVDUFKGLUHFWO\EHQH\AWYV California and its people. Our research portfolio includes projects in social and KHDOWKGLVSULHLVHUGRUNJ\KWDPGZLOC climate change, immigration and education.

7KHVDW\\HFRQRP\EHQH\WVIURP contributions to important industries including biotechnology, energy and entertainment. Even a handful of examples from MRPI’s portfolio of 124 projects showcases the program’s comprehensive scope and UC’s power of ten.

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Our portfolio can be categorized in five thematic areas, but many projects include partners across these categories, encouraging discovery at the interstices of established fields.

MRPI grantees published over 1,700 articles – in the past six years, 52% of these were in the top ten percent of the highest impact journals, signaling the scholarly impact of the research.

“[MRPI funding] is a wonderful way of getting different campuses to work together on an innovative scientific idea.”

-- Bruce McNaughton, UC Irvine Memory Prosthetics project

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