OFFICE OF RESEARCH CORE CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Background and Purpose
The Office of Research (OoR) understands that sustaining and refreshing core facilities is critical for future success of the research enterprise. A core capability development grant program has been created to address this issue. For this internal grant program, a core facility is defined to be inclusive of shared facilities without government approved charge rates. This program offers personnel support to existing core facilities to develop new tools, methods, or techniques to expand the capabilities of the core facility.

Funding Priorities, Eligibility and Other Procedures
- The program is open to all UC Colleges, except for the College of Medicine.
- The key priorities are: 1) funding requests that show convincing arguments for increased use of facilities by UC faculty and staff and/or external parties, e.g., objective endpoints for demonstrating success; and 2) evidence for enhanced multi-disciplinary collaborations.
- Matching funds from other sources to support the planned core expansion will be viewed favorably in the application.
- Applications will be reviewed by a panel of UC faculty and staff who will make recommendations for funding to the Vice President for Research. Reviews will be made available to all applicants.
- The number of proposals funded will be a function of funds available, and the number of meritorious, qualified applications received. Awards are for up to $25,000.
- Funds are for personnel time and materials and supplies purchases only.
- Applications are limited to one proposal per core facility.

Applications must be submitted via email to Dr. Phil Taylor and are due by <u>5:00 pm on November 9, 2018</u>. Email: Taylorp4@ucmail.uc.edu.

Application Materials
The following documentation must be submitted with the application:
- A description of the requested funding and justification in terms of the funding priorities given above (1 page max)
- A proposed budget and budget justification (1 page max)

Deliverables

Awardees will provide an update via a progress report to Dr. Phil Taylor six months after project initiation regarding the initial impact on the core facility. A more detailed report will be due one year following project initiation summarizing the initial return on investment (ROI) with a projection for future ROI after three years. The ROI analysis should consider the following: increased usage of the facility (recharging rates for cost centers), new proposals that are the direct result of the personnel investment, and all forms of scholarly activity that are a direct result of the capital investment. The ROI analysis is essential for the continued funding of this program.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Phil Taylor at taylorp4@ucmail.uc.edu; 513-556-5308.