

OFFICE OF RESEARCH CORE EQUIPMENT 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 new core equipment 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 will target proposals from core facilities to support acquisition of new equipment or software to improve core operations or to create a new core facility.

Funding Priorities, Eligibility and Other Procedures

- The program is open to all UC Colleges, exclusive of the College of Medicine.
- The key priorities are: 1) equipment 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 equipment purchase will be viewed favorably in the application.
- Applications will be reviewed by a panel of UC faculty members 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 numbers of meritorious, qualified applications received. Awards are for up to \$50,000 in capital equipment purchases. We anticipate funding two to four of these proposals.
- Funds cannot be used for faculty or staff salaries or travel. A separate core capability development program has been created for this purpose.
- Applications are limited to one proposal per core facility.

Applications must be submitted via email to Dr. Phil Taylor and are due by 5:00 pm on November 6, 2017. Email: Taylorp4@ucmail.uc.edu.

Application Materials

The following documentation must be submitted with the application:

- For existing core facilities, the requested equipment purchase and justification of the purchase in terms of the funding priorities given above (1 page max)
- For new core facilities, a description of the facility including a clear delineation of how it differs from existing core facilities, the requested equipment purchase, and justification of the purchase in terms of the funding priorities given above (2 pages max)
- A copy of an original quote dated within one month of the application submission for the requested equipment (1 page). Estimates of equipment costs will not be accepted and are grounds for rejection of the application.

Deliverables

Awardees will provide an update via a progress report to Dr. Phil Taylor six months after the equipment purchase regarding the initial impact on the core facility. A more detailed report will be due one year following the equipment purchase summarizing the initial return on investment (ROI) of the equipment purchase 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 capital 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.