



Core Exploratory Awards

The UCSF Research Resource Program (RRP), in collaboration with CTSI-SOS has created Core Exploratory Awards to enable researchers to use new (to the investigator) technologies or services available in existing core facilities at UCSF and affiliated institutes. Modification of existing core technologies will also be considered. These awards are primarily meant to facilitate the use of key research tools available in cores to develop and maintain high impact, long-term research programs.

Core Exploratory Awards lower financial barriers that impede the adoption of necessary research tools by providing funding for feasibility studies in a core facility. Although the awards are available to all, there will be an emphasis on the research programs of any researcher, particularly junior faculty, seeking to enter an unfamiliar area in which a core can provide the most cost- and time-effective solution for the research. Projects that develop new collaborations between core personnel and researchers are particularly welcome. The expectation is that a successful award will lead to a long-term, funded research program in which continued use of the core facility helps to maintain both the research program and the core. As a rough rule, proposals ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 in core services will be considered.

Core Exploratory Awards May Be Used At A UCSF Core To Fund:

- **Current standard core services**
- **Pilot work to generate preliminary data**
- **Development of a new test or service by supporting personnel effort and reagents**
- **Novel, currently unfunded use of a core for an ongoing project**

Core Exploratory Awards May Not Be Used To Fund:

- **Payment for services previously utilized by the requestor**

Applicant Eligibility:

Any member of the UCSF research community is encouraged to apply. The application must have a PI signature demonstrating potential long-term funding and commitment to use the core. The applicant must be one of the following:

1. A new user to the core
2. An existing user to the core seeking access to a new piece of equipment or proposing a new way in which to use existing core resources
3. An existing user to the core wanting to modify core services or explore advanced services to accommodate cutting-edge research needs

Who's Eligible: Residents, Fellows, Post-Docs, Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, Professors, Specialists, Students, Technicians

Who's Not Eligible: Faculty without Salary (WOS)

Core Facility Eligibility:

Must be a UCSF or Gladstone Core Facility with:

- Established recharge rates
- A defined management structure (Faculty Director, Technical Director, Advisory Committee) and a defined process to manage requests
- An open access policy providing services to the entire UCSF community

For a list of possible cores, please visit: http://rrp.ucsf.edu/rrp/services_and_centers.html

Further Information

Additional details, including detailed application requirements, are posted on the RAP Website at: http://rap.ucsf.edu/core_exploratory/.