

An Introduction to Research Development Services Office of Research and Economic Development New Faculty Orientation

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What is Research Development?

“Research Development encompasses a set of strategic, proactive, catalytic, and capacity-building activities designed to facilitate individual faculty members, teams of researchers, and central research administrations in attracting extramural research funding, creating relationships, and developing and implementing strategies that increase institutional competitiveness.”

-See <http://www.nordp.org/>

Research Development Services, UC Merced

Independent Unit in OR; Director reports to VCRED.

Works closely with other units in ORED.

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Goals:

- Expand UC Merced's capacity to pursue major multi and interdisciplinary team based research initiatives.
- Promote growth in campus external research funding.

Objectives:

- Building relationships with funding agencies and potential collaborators.
- Supporting large interdisciplinary, multi-disciplinary, collaborative and multi-institution proposals.
- Providing excellent proposal development and pre-award services to faculty.
- Helping new faculty develop grantsmanship skills.
- Supporting and strengthening proposals to expand research training.

Services offered to UC Merced Faculty:

- Identification of and dissemination of information re: funding opportunities; including targeted dissemination and customized searches.
- Proposal writing and editing.
- Pre-award proposal preparation and coordination of services.
- Development of relationships with extramural research funders.
- Advice and technical assistance re: funders' proposal policies.
- Assisting/advising re: responses to new/emerging/changing funding opportunities and environments.

Services offered, contd.

- Research team building and coordination and assistance identifying potential collaborators (both at UC Merced and elsewhere; may include academic, community, government and/or industry partners).
- Planning for submission of large and/or complex proposals.
- Provision of 'boilerplate' language.
- Outreach and periodic trainings on Research Proposal Writing/ Grantsmanship, including an annual Grant Writing Institute, an Early Career Opportunities Workshop, trainings for graduate students, support for agency visits, and more.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- DC Agency Trip: September 30 – October 2, 2014
- SBIR/STTR Training Workshop: November 20, 2014
- Workshop on research development in the humanities: Oct 2014
- UC Merced Faculty Grant Writing Institute: April 13 – 17, 2015

RDS Services, contd.

- Not sure if we can help? Please ask. (The earlier, the better!)
- Individual and/or group consultations welcomed and encouraged.
- One of the RDOs will be contacting you to discuss our services.

How to help us help you....

- With enough lead time, RDS can provide full research development and pre-award services.
- RDS accepts requests for assistance on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- The required timeline for the request for assistance will depend upon the complexity and size of the proposal and the level of service requested.
- Contact your assigned RDO as soon as you have a research idea you'd like to get funded!



How much lead time does RDS need?

- *For individual investigator and small proposals* (<\$500K, 1 sub-award or less):
 - 1 month notice for full assistance.
 - 2 weeks notice for feedback and revision assistance and help during submission.
- *For large proposals* (>\$500K, more than 1 sub-award):
 - 2 or more months notice for full assistance.
 - 1 month notice for feedback and revision assistance and help during submission.



More about funding opportunities...

- See our funding calendars at: <http://rds.ucmerced.edu/find-funding-opportunities>
- Links to funding opportunities, proposal guidelines information, announcements of events, etc.
- Join our mailing list to get updates on a regular basis.
- More at <http://rds.ucmerced.edu>

COS PIVOT

- Community of Science (COS) Pivot:
 - Is a multi-disciplinary searchable funding opportunities database
 - Helps identify potential collaborators
 - Matches faculty with funding opportunities
- Represents over 40,000 private, federal, and international funding opportunities

SETTING UP A PIVOT ACCOUNT

- ❑ Need account in order to:
 - ❑ Access COS Pivot from off-campus
 - ❑ Save search results
 - ❑ Manage your Home page (dashboard)
 - ❑ Receive funding alerts
- ❑ www.pivot.cos.com
- ❑ Click on Sign up, written in blue print on the top right corner

QUICK GUIDES & SUPPORT

- ❑ You Tube Pivot Channel:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/ProQuestPivot>
- ❑ Or RDS at rds@ucmerced.edu

Questions?



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