Build Collaborations

Interdisciplinary efforts are becoming more critical for scientific discovery and translational research efforts. There is no debate that the scientific goal sits at the center of the collaborative effort. However, supporting features need to be in place to avoid the derailment of the team.


UCSF’s Office of Sponsored Research (OSR) has laid a foundation of resources to support the needs of scientists who wish to collaborate. We understand that successful collaboration must be based on a legal and contractual foundation that allows the engaged parties to interact freely.

Make Your Collaboration Official

If you are looking to make your collaborative interactions "official," e.g., with a collaborative research agreement, business contract or sponsored agreement? Government and Business Contracts provides the subject matter expertise to assist you with these contractual services and resources.

Visit the Make It Official page to find the prerequisites for working together.

For Industry Contracts, visit the Office of Innovation, Technology & Alliances (ITA).

Build Your Team

It's becoming increasingly critical for successful collaborative teams to have been brainstorming, planning, and working together? even before funding opportunities arise. Teams that do are poised to take advantage of opportunities that surface, such as new federal grant offerings. They also can develop novel opportunities by creating, for instance, donor or industry-partner proposals.

With UCSF research distributed across several campuses, it's important that OSR supports intramural collaborations with strong internal leadership and appropriate human resource management, as well as reliable project management. Similarly, given the complex and interdisciplinary nature of today's research landscape, it is also critical that OSR facilitates collaborations among individuals across different research institutions.

The Team Science for Research Innovation Program (TSRIP) facilitates and fosters intra- and extramural multi-investigator and cross-disciplinary team science efforts. Services include speed-networking events, "collaboratory meet-ups", facilitation of brain-storming sessions, and coordinating research-specific workshops. If you're interested in resources around collaborative research team building, please contact the RDO or find information on the Build a Team page.