Dear Deans, Directors, Department Chairs, Administrative Officers, and Faculty:

The Vice Chancellor for Research established the Shared Resources Consortium (SRC) in order to distribute funds, on a competitive basis, to support instrumentation costs for existing and proposed Shared Resources (SRs) located on the UCLA campus.

Applications are now being solicited for Spring 2014 SRC funding. Applications may request between $25,000 and $200,000 of support.

The highest priority for funding will be given to applications that propose the purchase of instrumentation that will allow the UCLA community to conduct cutting-edge research.

A list of previously awarded funding may be found on the Shared Resources page of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research website.

**Background:** The research enterprise at UCLA is highly dependent on the services offered by SRs. The future competitiveness of our investigators, and the international reputation enjoyed by UCLA, is enhanced by this important infrastructure. Our faculty must have timely access, at the lowest possible cost, to the services and instrumentation provided by SRs. The UCLA SRC was established to provide support for existing and proposed SRs on the UCLA campus.

Funding for this RFA cycle is being provided by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, the David Geffen School of Medicine, the Clinical & Translational Science Institute (CTSI), the Broad Stem Cell Research Center, and the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. Note that CTSI funding for the SRC is distinct from the voucher program offered by the CTSI.

**Eligibility:** Those UCLA SRs that meet the following set of standards will be eligible to apply for SRC funding:

- Up-to-date sales and service approval
- Ongoing history of balanced budgets; SRs with a history of budget deficits will not be considered for funding
- Robust user base
- Strong support from key constituents
- History of significant contributions to publishing high-impact publications
- History of significant contributions to the submission and receipt of contract and grants

The SRC will not support requests for:

- General purpose or instructional equipment
- Instruments used for clinical (billable) care
- Multiple instruments bundled together to meet the $25,000 minimum
- Software unless it is integral to the operation of a piece of equipment
- Institutional administrative or clinical management systems
- Equipment for routine sustaining infrastructure such as standard computers, autoclaves and hoods, equipment to upgrade animal facilities, or space renovation

**Process:** Applications are available online at https://ccle.ucla.edu/course/view/SRC. All applications initially will be evaluated to ensure the above eligibility criteria have been met. Those applications that pass the initial evaluation will be reviewed and ranked by three (3) UCLA faculty members. Reviews and rankings will be assembled, considered and prioritized by the SRC Steering Committee (K. Dorshkind, Chair; B. Dunn, Co-Chair; Rob DuWors; Diana Huffaker; Harley Kornblum; Tom Mason; Anna Wu) which will make the final funding decisions.

**Timeline:**

- RFA Distributed: Early April, 2014
- Application Due Date: 5/16/2014
- Awards Announced: July 2014 (funding distributed shortly thereafter)
Questions: Questions regarding SRC or the RFA process should be submitted to Nancy Presseau (npresseau@mednet.ucla.edu or 825-5268).

We look forward to reviewing the applications.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Dorshkind  
Chair, SRC Steering Committee

Bruce Dunn  
Co-Chair, SRC Steering Committee

Robert DuWors  
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research