The Keck School of Medicine Office of Research
Funding Opportunity Announcement

Research Core Voucher Program

Up to $3,000 per request

Purpose:
The Keck School of Medicine (KSOM) is home to many state-of-the-art, innovative research cores and services. In an effort to promote the use of these core services and instrumentation by new users, the KSOM Office of Research is introducing the Research Core Voucher Program.

Faculty Eligibility:
Any Keck School of Medicine faculty member who is new to the use of a Keck Core facility or new to an instrument within a Keck core facility (based on confirmation by the Core Director or Core Manager). Priority will be given to applicants who have a specific plan for inclusion of the new data in an external grant submission within six months.

Core Eligibility:
Any Keck Core facilities listed at https://keck.usc.edu/research/research-resources/find-core-resources/ with the exception of “other core facilities” not housed in the Keck School of medicine. Note: the department of animal resources is not an eligible core.

Application Process:
Submit a one page research proposal which briefly describes the nature of the research and specific experiments to be conducted, along with justification for the funds requested (hours of access required, technical support, cost per unit for each). Include a brief memo from the Core Director or Core Manager confirming that the user is new to the instrumentation and that the core will be able to accommodate the proposed research by June 30, 2020

Application Due Date: March 2, 2020

Notification: Awardees will be notified by March 14, 2020. Cores will be notified of the available funds, which must be used by the awardee by June 30, 2020. No carryover is allowed.

Progress Report: A brief progress report is due by October 31.

Future of the Program: A fall call is anticipated if there is general interest with this mechanism.

For questions regarding this mechanism or eligible cores, please contact Sarah Hamm-Alvarez, Ph. D. at shalvar@usc.edu or Janet Stoeckert at janet.stoeckert@usc.edu.