

# COVID-IMPACTED RESEARCH FUNDING

The **COVID-Impacted Research Funding Program** provides one-time funding to eligible Principal Investigators (PIs) who have had to curtail research activities due to the pandemic. The curtailment of research activities means that there is lost research productivity on projects that require in-person and/or on-site activities. For PIs with extramural funding this lost productivity may mean that their funding may run out before the project is completed. Faculty who do not have externally-funded research, such as those in some social science, arts, and humanities disciplines, may also have used limited existing resources for research support but were not able to get the expected level of support due to COVID-19. Given this situation, there are concerns that early career faculty, as well as graduate students, are disproportionately affected by the lost research productivity as the research is necessary to achieve tenure, progress in their series, and complete their degrees.

This program is not intended to support PIs otherwise experiencing a gap in extramural funding, this could be addressed through the existing [Principal Investigator Bridge Program](#), which provides one-time funding to PIs who have lost, or will lose, their primary extramural funding.

## Program Guidelines

- Must demonstrate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on their research productivity and ability to complete research projects, including the expiration of extramural or other one-time funds that were expended while research could not be conducted.
- Must demonstrate a lack of capacity to support continuing their research short-term on other resources, such as unspent start-up funds or similar faculty-controlled accounts.
- A shift in effort, for example to data analysis instead of lab or field work, would not be considered lost productivity, as staff and students were still able to contribute to the research effort in a different way.
- Must have the support of the dean.
- Funds must be expended within three quarters after the award is made. Any unused funds should be returned to the program for reallocation to another project.
- Awards will be granted for a maximum of **\$43,200** per PI
  - Campus funding to support up to two quarters of a Graduate Student Researcher (GSR) for a maximum of \$26,000 per PI.
  - Dean's office will provide funding equivalent to 40% of the total award for a maximum of \$17,200 per PI.

## Who is eligible?

- Assistant-level senate faculty, including Lecturers with Potential Security of Employment
- Adjunct Assistant Professors

**Assistance can be requested for the following:**

- Graduate Student Researchers (GSR) for one or two quarters using the campus funds
- The Dean's match can be used for:
  - Nonresident Supplemental Tuition (NRST) remission for a GSR
  - Postdoctoral Scholars
  - Professional research staff
  - Core Facility and animal care recharge cost

**How to apply:**

- Complete the COVID-Impacted Research Funding Program [application form](#) and Excel [budget workbook](#) located at <https://research.ucdavis.edu>
- Submit all to [ORBusiness@ucdavis.edu](mailto:ORBusiness@ucdavis.edu)
- All applications must be submitted by Friday, October 30, 2020
- Award notification will be communicated no later than Monday, November 30, 2020

Awards are dependent on availability of funds and will be granted, based on need, for a maximum of one COVID-Impacted Research Funding award per PI.

**If you have questions regarding the COVID-Impacted Research Funding Program,  
please contact [ORBusiness@ucdavis.edu](mailto:ORBusiness@ucdavis.edu)**