MATCHING FUNDS FOR SHARED EQUIPMENT GRANTS

Premise:
NIH, through the S10 grant mechanism, and other agencies support acquisition of major pieces of shared instrumentation that would advance the research of multiple grant-funded investigators. Matching funds may either be: 1) an institutional requirement for consideration of extramural funding, 2) required to acquire an instrument that costs more than the maximum amount of the extramural award, or 3) a significant enhancement to the competitiveness of the applicant’s proposal.

Evaluation Criteria:
Matching funds requests will be evaluated according to the following criteria:
1. The proposal enhances the quality of our research programs.
2. The proposal is consistent with the UCDHS strategic plan.
3. The proposal enhances innovative, collaborative and inter/multi-disciplinary research.
4. The proposal increases the potential for making high-impact discoveries.
5. The proposed instrument would benefit multiple grant-funded faculty investigators in the UCDHS or UC Davis and would be operated on a shared basis across departments, centers and other units.
6. The PI and associated faculty users have demonstrated need for the proposed instrument, have access to any necessary technician support or training required to effectively utilize the instrument, have the necessary space and other physical facilities to house and operate the instrument, a financial plan to support the ongoing operation and maintenance of the instrument.
7. The requested institutional support maximizes our return on investment and maintains institutional financial stability. (Typically, a reasonable institutional match request would be up to 15 percent of the total cost of acquisition. When the proposed users represent faculty of multiple UCD colleges, schools or other units, proportionate match commitments also should be secured from the other relevant deans and the Vice Chancellor for Research.)

Procedure for requesting matching funds:
1. Requests for UCDHS support should be directed to the Associate Dean for Research no less than six weeks before a letter of commitment is required. Send requests in writing to the attention of Dr. Ted Wandzilak at MedBridgeAndMatchFunds@ucdavis.edu.
2. UCDHS requests should include:
   a. A copy of the grant RFA or PA, and an abstract of proposal,
   b. List of participating faculty users with departmental affiliations, and
   c. A copy of the overall proposal budget, and a specific match request.
3. When programs involve multiple campus schools or colleges, requests should be forwarded, instead, to the ACCLLS (Academic Coordinating Council for Life Sciences) for consideration of a coordinated, multi-college/school match. PI’s should arrange with the College of Biological Sciences Deans Office to schedule a formal presentation to the Council no less than two months before a letter of commitment is required.
4. A UCDHS review committee (unless submitted to the ACCLS) will evaluate the request and make a recommendation for partial or full support.
5. UCDHS match support will be approved by the Executive Associate Dean who oversees Research and Education.
6. PIs should carefully consider, and anticipate in their institutional support requests, all costs required to successfully install and operate major pieces of equipment, which extend beyond simple purchase costs. These may include necessary building renovations such as the installation of upgraded power, water, and heating/cooling/ventilation utilities, ongoing maintenance costs, or the training/hiring of required technical staff.

Mechanism for funding:
1. An initial internal fund source will be identified by the Dean's Office.
2. Wherever possible, returned indirect costs will be used to replenish the funding pool.