

UCSC QB3 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

June 10, 2008

RFP 0802: UCSC QB3 CORE FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

OVERVIEW AND CRITERIA

UCSC QB3 is seeking proposals for core facilities and equipment that would benefit a significant number of laboratories on campus as well as a variety of disciplines. Applicants should explain how the facility or equipment would help attract new faculty, graduate students, and postdoctoral scholars and contribute to graduate student education. Applications should demonstrate how the proposed facilities or equipment will augment shared research facilities that benefit multiple research groups, and how it will facilitate collaboration with other QB3 campuses—UC San Francisco and UC Berkeley. Proposed facilities and equipment should have the potential to leverage additional funding from other sources, and must be made available to all QB3 researchers, including those from other campuses. In keeping with QB3's mandate, requests should describe how the proposed project might lead to the creation of jobs or tax revenue or provide training that will impact the future workforce in the State of California. Interaction with California-based industry is encouraged (for example, collaborations involving the facility or support of the facility by industry). Identification of matching funds or other leverage for the project and letters of support from potential users both within and outside UCSC will strengthen the proposal. Applicants must indicate who will direct the facility or be primarily responsible for the equipment, where it will be located, how it will be staffed, how access and usage will be provided, and how it will be funded beyond the period of this award.

Any amount of funding may be requested. Funds may be used for equipment, staffing, warranties and maintenance agreements, facility supplies and reagents, and modest facilities improvements. Funds must be expended within two years of the award.

ELIGIBILITY

Any UCSC faculty member may apply, but the facility or equipment must benefit QB3 faculty affiliates. Previous applicants are welcome to apply.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Submit a proposal via email to Ann Pace (pace@soe.ucsc.edu) by July 14, containing the following components:

- a proposal, up to two pages, following the format below (include format headings in your proposal)
- a one-page budget detailing proposed costs and spending timeline
- letters of support from potential users both within and outside UCSC

PROPOSAL FORMAT

Include and respond to the following headings in your one- to two-page proposal:

1. What is being requested?
2. Who will use the facility or equipment, and what different disciplines will benefit from it?
3. How will it attract new faculty, graduate students, and postdocs and contribute to graduate student education?
4. How will it augment shared research facilities that benefit multiple research groups?
5. List any existing or potential collaborations between UCSC labs and UCSF, UC Berkeley, or industry that this equipment or facility would enable or enhance.
6. How will it help leverage additional funding from other sources? List existing or potential sources of leverage.

7. Who will direct the facility or be responsible for the equipment?
8. Where will it be located, how will it be staffed, and how will access be provided?
9. How will the equipment or facility be supported in the future?
10. How might the facility or equipment lead to the creation of jobs or tax revenue or provide training to the future workforce for the State of California?

REVIEW PROCESS AND AWARD

Applications will be reviewed by the UCSC QB3 Executive Committee based on the criteria described in this RFP. Review of proposals will commence on July 15, and applicants will be notified by July 30.

FUTURE QB3 GRANT PROGRAMS

QB3 funding opportunities are posted online at <http://www.cbse.ucsc.edu/research/funding.shtml>.