UCSC QB3 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
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UCSC QB3 CORE FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

OVERVIEW AND CRITERIA
UCSC QB3 has $640,000 available in the current fiscal year to fund proposals for core facilities and equipment. Proposed facilities and equipment should benefit a significant number of laboratories on campus as well as a variety of disciplines and should have the potential to leverage additional funding from other sources. Applicants should explain how the facility and/or equipment would help recruit new faculty, graduate students, and postdoctoral scholars and contribute to graduate student education. In keeping with QB3’s mandate, applicants 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. The proposed facility and equipment must be made available to all QB3 researchers, including those from other campuses. Interaction with California-based industry is encouraged (for example, collaborations involving the facility or support of the facility by industry). 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/usage will be provided, and how it will be funded beyond the period of this award.

Any amount of funding up to $640,000 may be requested. Funds may be used for equipment, staffing, warranties and maintenance agreements, supplies and reagents, and modest facilities improvements and must be expended within two years of the award.

ELIGIBILITY
Any UCSC faculty member may apply, but the facility/equipment must benefit QB3 faculty affiliates.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
Submit a one-page proposal and a one- or two-year budget via email to Ann Pace (pace@soe.ucsc.edu) by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, November 27.

REVIEW PROCESS AND AWARD
Applications will be reviewed by the UCSC QB3 Executive Committee based on the criteria described in the RFP. An award will be made either to one large proposal or to a combination of proposals. Awards will be announced by Friday, December 7.

FUTURE QB3 GRANT PROGRAMS
In addition to core facilities and equipment, UCSC QB3 is also interested in funding seed grant programs and graduate student fellowships. These programs will be implemented as funding allows, potentially later this year.