## ***INSTRUCTIONS***

*The research narrative must address the required proposal requirements, and may not exceed* ***8 pages*** *in total, excluding the Timeframe and Milestones (1/2 page) and the Literature Cited (2 page maximum). Pages 9-11 of this template are designated for these two components. Thus, the total length of this document is limited to 11 pages maximum. However, any proposals exceeding the narrative page limits will be truncated prior to forwarding for review.*

*For each required component, we have indicated the recommended section length and a summary of the criteria. The recommended section length is a guideline and you may adjust the length of each component section if needed. Proposals are evaluated according to the Review and Selection Criteria outlined on pages 8-9 of the RFP. Review panels are multi-disciplinary so we recommend you avoid technical jargon and write in a manner accessible to researchers outside your field.*

***Do not change the general formatting of this template (including the margin settings): simply insert your narrative and delete the blue instructional text. This template is formatted to .7-inch margins, using font type Calibri, and font size 11. You should*** use unbolded black font for the narrative text; ***you may adjust the font style (i.e. bold, italic, underline) as needed. For captions, tables, and charts only, you may use a smaller font size (no less than size 8). The general text of the narrative should remain at Calibri or Times New Roman (or equivalent size) font and size 11.***

*Insert the proposal title, host campus name, and the applicant principal investigator’s name in the header using blue text.*

*Start the content of your proposed research on the next page. Once complete, you may delete this entire first page of instructions, subsequent instructions (blue text) within each section, and any bracketed text [xxxxx]. Save and convert the file into a PDF and upload to proposalCENTRAL.*

*Please refer to the RFP, accessible via the UCRI website at* [*http://ucop.edu/research-initiatives/programs/mrpi/Application-Information.html*](http://ucop.edu/research-initiatives/programs/mrpi/Application-Information.html) *for detailed information regarding the eligibility, programmatic goals, and review criteria for the award.*

# Proposed Research Activities *[5 pages]*

*Identify the specific aims, research activities, outcomes and scholarly contributions of program or initiative, including the innovative and collaborative components that will advance scholarship in emerging fields, multi- or interdisciplinary areas, or areas of strategic importance to UC. The narrative should describe the contribution of the proposed activities to advancing outstanding research, the likelihood of the research to position UC as a leader in the field or thematic area, how the proposed activities will enhance UC’s competitiveness in attracting outstanding faculty and graduate students, and plans for obtaining extramural support for ongoing research activities beyond the award period.*

*Note: Proposals that request funding to offer competitive grants (sub-awards) to connect campus projects in a multicampus network must explain how this approach will leverage the impact of research across the system in an important area of research. If allocations to individual recipients are proposed, the proposal must articulate how this use of systemwide funds enhances systemwide research and could not be better achieved through the funding of collaborative or multidisciplinary approaches.*

# Faculty Collaboration and Graduate Student Research Opportunities *[~1 page]*

*Justify the composition of the team and articulate how the collaboration and shared leadership opportunities will be integrated into the proposed project and activities to achieve the programmatic goals. Describe the collaborative research and training aspects of the proposal in relation to:*

*1) Collaborative approaches that will ensure genuine engagement and participation by researchers across the campuses and collaborating partner institutions;*

*2) Shared project leadership and opportunities for professional development across professorial ranks; and*

*3) Meaningful graduate student engagement and opportunities for professional development and progress towards degree.*

# Public Engagement and Community Collaboration *[~1 page]*

*Describe the components for community participation or engagement with the research. As appropriate and tailored to the research activities or disciplines, public engagement may include community collaborative research, citizen science, community participation and educational outreach, or activities that demonstrate the value of UC research to the California public. Outline the anticipated benefits of the community collaboration/public engagement in relation to the research itself, or the anticipated public benefits of the research outcomes to California and the world. Possible examples of community engagement, not meant to be an exhaustive list, are included in the FAQs.*

# Contributions to Undergraduate Education *[~1/2 page]*

*Describe the specific activities or outcomes that will enhance undergraduate education at UC. These may include student participation in the research, summer internships, contributions to curriculum, or other components appropriate to the disciplinary and topical areas.*

# Research Benefits, Impact on UC and California, and Accountability *[~1/2 page]*

*Describe the mechanisms and collaborative approaches that will ensure that the activities and outcomes of the collaboration have UC systemwide benefit and impact. Identify the specific benefits that are expected to be accrued by UC or California and the importance of the research to California. Benefits may include a description of how the collaboration increases efficiency through the use or creation of common resources or infrastructure while stimulating the systemwide creative process and/or other contributions to advancing the UC mission. Applicants must include a description of the proposed governance or advisory structure to ensure multicampus benefit, accountability and impact.*

***This section must end at the bottom of page 8.***

# Timeframe, Milestones and Evaluation Metrics *[~1/2 page]*

*Identify the research timeline, benchmarks, and milestones, and justify how the proposed time period and requested budget will accomplish the milestones to make a significant impact in the field. Identify specific evaluation approaches and outcome metrics, and include a description of the methods that will be used to evaluate the research and plan future research directions. Include a description of how the program will either end or transition to non-UCOP funds at the completion of the funding period, as appropriate.*

# Literature Cited *[2 pages maximum]*

*Use this section identify the literature cited in the above narrative and proposed activities. This should not be a list of all literature relevant to your research. Include only those cited in your proposal above.*

*This section must start on a new page, beginning no later than on page 10 of 11 in the final proposal. The maximum length for the* ***Literature Cited*** *section is 2 pages.*