Grant Program Objective

Support recently hired UC academics (advisors, specialists, and campus faculty) with the initiation of research projects at UC ANR’s Research and Extension Centers, a system of nine unique research and extension sites located across California. The REC Booster Grant Program applies an additional 80% reduction to the PI funded rate provided by a Center. The 80% is applied to UC PI project costs, for a maximum booster grant of $10K for FY 22/23. PI project costs exceeding the maximum grant amount of $10K will need to be covered by the PI at the Center’s 2022-23 standard PI rates for UC researchers.

Eligibility Requirements

- UC hire date of July 1, 2017, or later in an academic position at any UC location.
- Principal Investigator has not previously led a research proposal at the selected REC.
- Research project must be reviewed by Center’s Research Advisory Committee and approved by the REC Director.
- Demonstrate intent in proposal to continue project beyond FY 22-23.
- Research projects should attempt to engage with members of the ANR network, if appropriate (AES, CE Specialists, and Advisors), as well as graduate and undergraduate students.

Application Process

- **Contact REC Director** at the REC location where you are interested in conducting research to ensure project needs can be met by the REC and if Booster Grants are still available at that location.
- Submit required paperwork to individual RECs utilizing the existing REC Proposal System or as instructed by the REC Director.