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 23/24. PI project costs exceeding the maximum grant amount of $10K will need to be covered by the PI at the Center’s 2023-24 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 23-24.
- 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.