

National Institutes of Health: SCORE (Support of Competitive Research)

Program Description and Information Meetings
Sponsored by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP)

If you are considering submitting a proposal to the NIH/SCORE program it is very important that you review the information provided below, attend one of the information meetings, and advise ORSP of your plans immediately. This is necessary, in part, because these grant applications will be submitted electronically to NIH and ORSP will be providing extensive assistance with this process. Additionally, the electronic submission process requires that all PIs be registered with NIH several weeks prior to the application deadline and ORSP will be helping all PIs with this as well.

Program Description:

SCORE is a grant program designed to increase the research capabilities and competitiveness of faculty at institutions serving a high proportion of underrepresented students. The SCORE program supports investigator-initiated research for faculty at various stages of professional development who seek to continue to engage in meritorious research projects of limited scope in a given biomedical/behavioral area limited to the NIH mission. As verified by NIH, Cal Poly Pomona is eligible for this program.

The SCORE program has been revamped to require that individual investigators apply directly to NIH for funding opportunities according to their level of professional development. This is a change from the previous SCORE program in which the institution's SCORE Program Director organized and coordinated the grant application from the institution. The SCORE program now offers three different individual investigator-initiated awards (SC1, SC2, and SC3, see below).

The SCORE mechanisms available to individual investigators according to their experience/track record are:

- Research Advancement Award (SC1) for those investigators who seek to increase their research productivity to be able to compete for non-SCORE support. SC1 awards provide up to \$250k per year in direct costs for up to five years (for those faculty who have never received SCORE funding before); all others are limited to four years of support.
- Pilot Project Award (SC2) for those who are at the beginning stages of a research career and who are interested in testing a new idea and/or generating preliminary data or for more experienced investigators interested in switching to a different field of research. SC2 awards provide up to \$100K per year in direct costs for up to three years. PIs who have previously received S06 subproject, SC1, or SC3 awards may only apply for SC2 support if: 1) they intend to change research fields and develop a different line of research from that in which they have been engaged in and published, and 2) have no other active external research support.
- Research Continuance Award (SC3) for those investigators who have been engaged in scholarly research and published and who seek to continue to conduct competitive research of limited scope. SC3 awards provide up to \$75k per year in direct costs for up to four years.

Proposal Due Dates: January 25, May 25, September 25

Information Meetings:

ORSP will hold two informational meetings to discuss the SCORE program, guidelines, and application procedures. We will also be handing out proposal development information (a PI checklist and a development calendar) at these meetings. The checklist and calendar are tools to help PIs ensure that their proposals are compliant, competitive and that they are turned in early enough for thorough institutional review and meet our internal approval processing deadlines. With numerous, simultaneous submissions, PIs need to work closely with ORSP to meet deadlines given in the development calendars.

Information Meeting Dates and Times:

Wednesday, July 9th	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, July 10th	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The information meetings will be held in the Faculty Development Center Library (Building 1 Room 227, 2nd floor).

Please R.S.V.P. to Laura Kuntz at x2944.

Attendance at each session is limited and will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.