



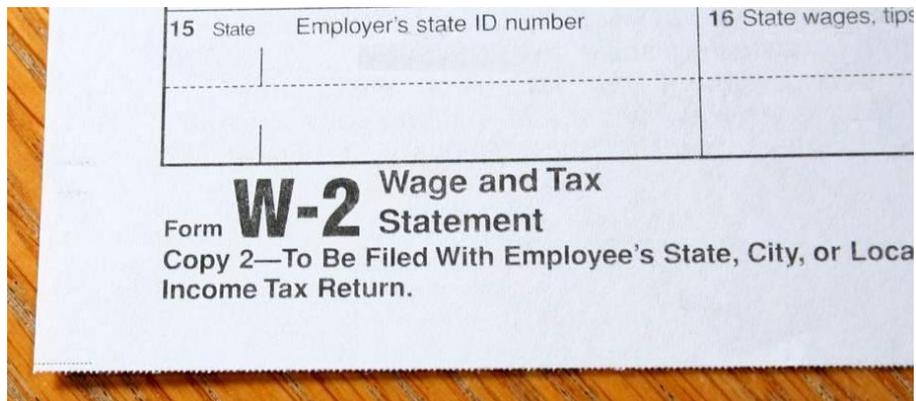
**Family Medicine
Research Unit
Monthly Meeting**

March 2026

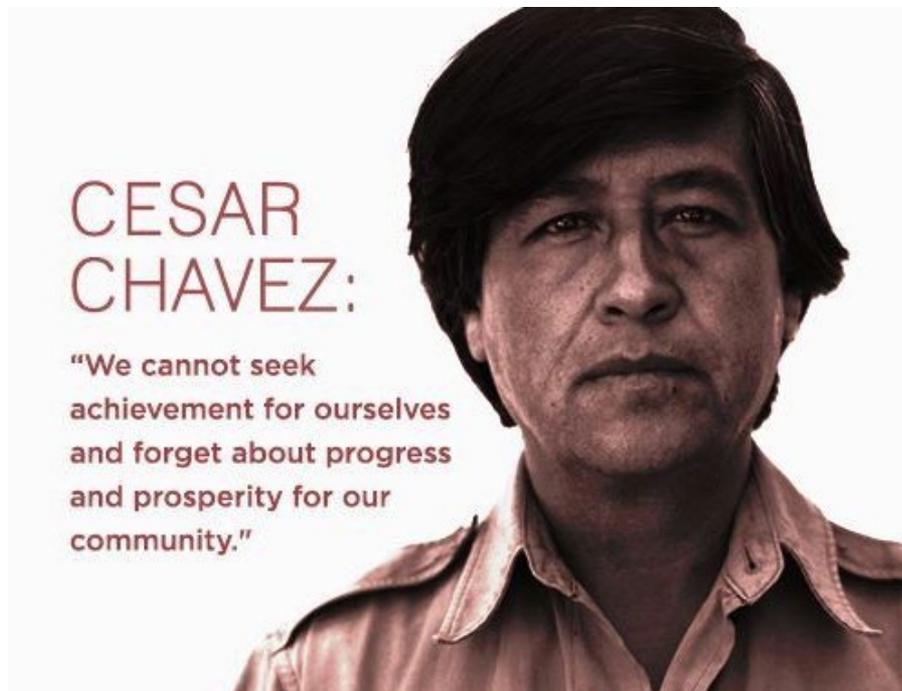
Department and Campus Announcements

W-2's

- To access your W-2 statements online, log into [UCPath](#) and click the “View Online W-2/W-2c” link in the Income & Taxes dashboard
- UCLA will never email or text you your W-2.
- If you did not sign up to receive it electronically, it will be mailed.



Upcoming Holidays

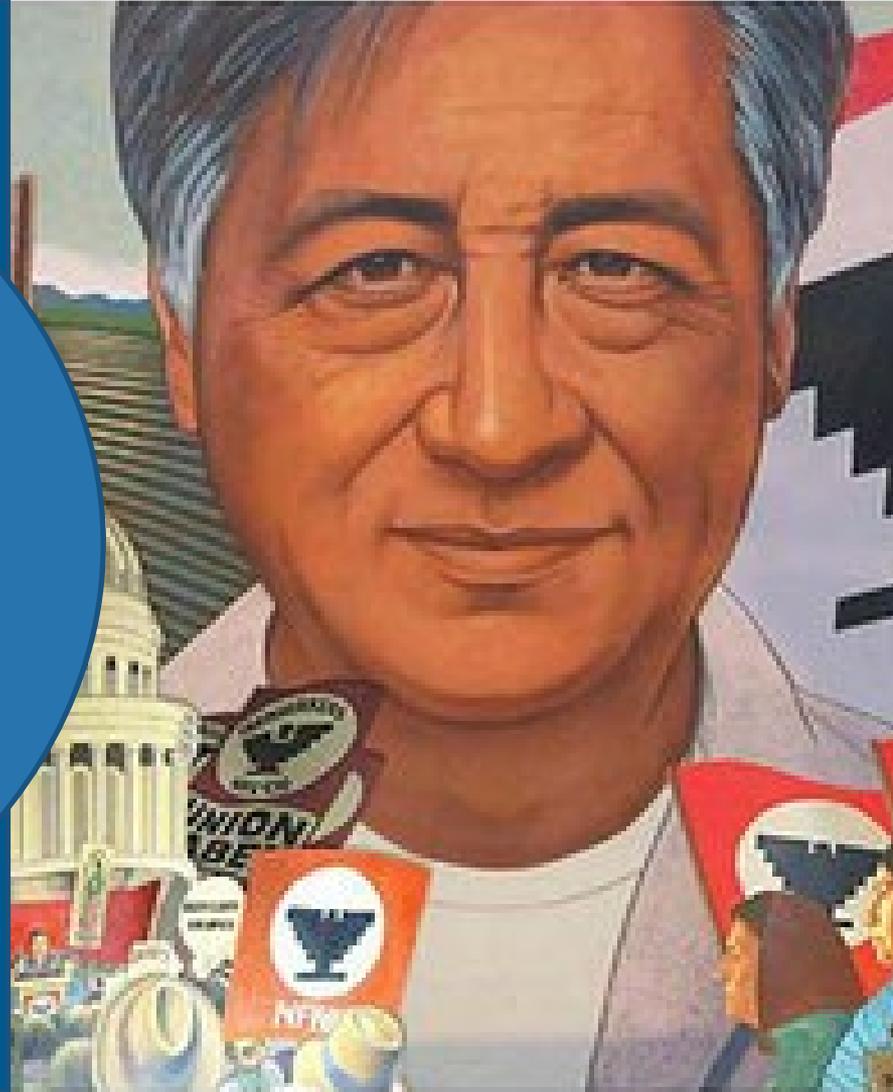


Cesar Chavez Day
Friday, March 27, 2026

No Grand Rounds

For March 2026

Join us in April!



Research Day 2026

- Call-for-Abstracts will be distributed shortly
- **Abstracts/Case Reports due April 19, 2026**
- Event will be held at the California Endowment downtown on **Wednesday, May 27, 2026** from 11:30am – 4:00pm
- Visit website for more info:
<https://www.uclahealth.org/departments/family-medicine/research/research-day>



Updates for Department Newsletter

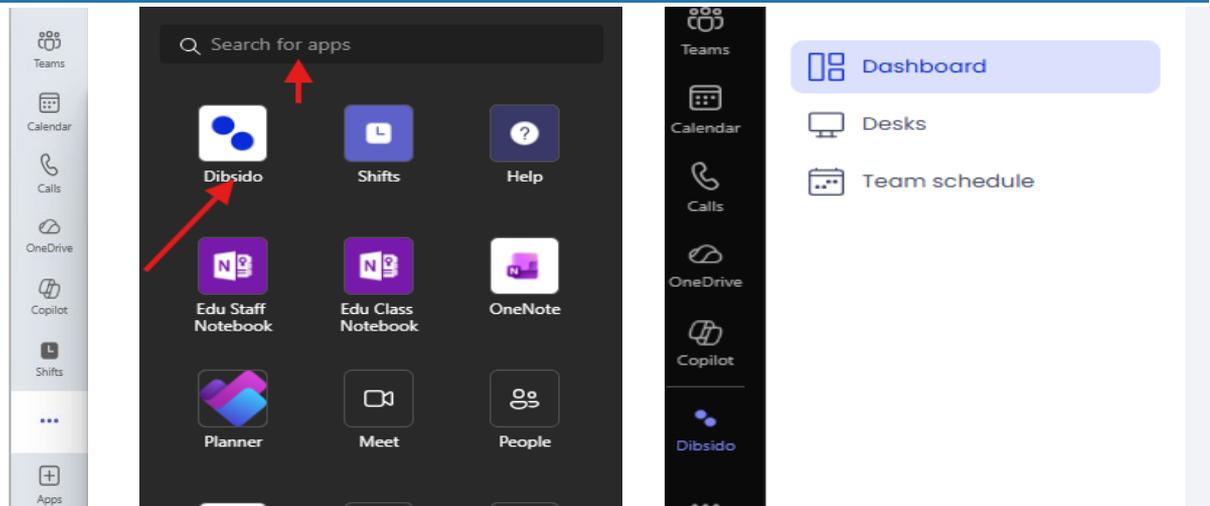


Please send any updates for the department newsletter to Tiffany De La Cruz and Denise Acelar. This includes:

- Recent publications
- Newly funded research projects
- Academic or research achievements/announcements
- Other news you would like to share with the department

Photos are welcome!

Dibsido on Microsoft Teams



- Users can install the Dibsido app from the Teams app store to manage workplace bookings without leaving Teams.
- Adding the app to Teams is just a few clicks, and the Dibsido interface appears in your Teams sidebar.

- **Open Microsoft Teams**
- On the left sidebar, click **Apps** or the three dots
- In the search bar at the top, type **“Dibsido”**
- Click on the app in the results to see the details page.
- Click **Add**

UKG Trainings

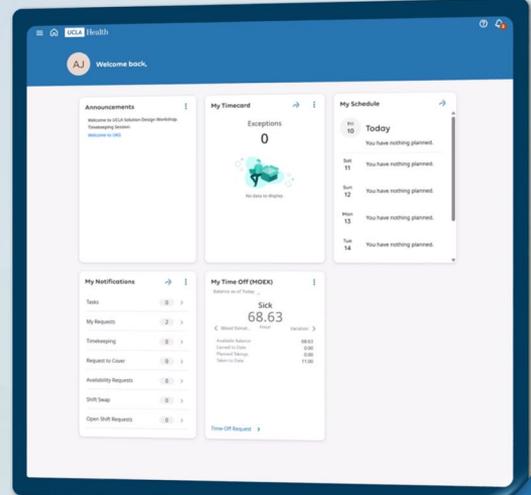
- Launching across all areas of UCLA
- Replacing HBS, ANSOS, Facility scheduler, and physical time clocks
- [UKG Website](#)
- [UKG-Course-Catalog](#)

Introducing UKG for Timekeeping

Timekeeping & advanced scheduling
in one place

LAUNCHING

MARCH 1, 2026



Access UKG from Mednet Homepage

Quick Links

Mednet email

Paging | On-Call (QGenda) | Vina

UCLA directory

Timesheets

DGSOM/FPG – HBS Time Suite

Medical Center – HBS Time Suite

UKG Timekeeping and Scheduling

UKG Clinical Extensions

SUPPORT AVAILABLE!

Daily Virtual Office Hours: We will have virtual support available, three times a day. Live Learning Sessions will be held during the afternoon session to target specific topics. Schedule, topics and links to join sessions are available on the [UKG website](#).

Weekdays:

- 7am – 10am
- Noon – 3pm, @ 12:15pm – 1pm it's a Live Learning Session
- 7pm – 10pm

Weekends:

- 7am – 10am
- Noon – 3pm, @ 12:15pm – 1pm it's a Live Learning Session
- No session on Sunday March 8th

UKG – Known Issues

- **Email Notifications:** Some of the email notifications that are currently being sent are not working as intended and our teams are investigating the issue. Expected email notifications are sent for the following scenarios:
 - Reminders to approve employee timecards will be sent biweekly on Sundays.
 - When an employee has submitted a time off request.
 - When an employee attests to missing a meal / short meal / missing rest break that results in penalty pay.
 - When employee submits request to fix missed punch.
 - When employee on leave of absence clocks in.
- **Unexcused Absence for Exempt Employee:** We have received reports of some Monthly employees receiving unplanned absence notification in timesheets in error. Our teams are investigating this issue. Managers should remove schedules for Monthly Exempt employees.

UKG – Tip Sheets/How-To's

[Edit your timecard \(Non-Exempt\)](#)

[Edit your timecard \(Exempt\)](#)

[Timecard Indicators](#)

[Submit and Cancel a Time-off Request](#)

[Download UKG Mobile App](#)

		Date	Schedule	In	Transfer	Out
+	⊖	Sun 11/09				
+	⊖	Mon 11/10				
+	⊖	Tue 11/11	19:30 - 07:00	19:56		
+	⊖					

My Time Off (NE)

Balance as of Today ▾

Holiday Comp Time
16.00

< Education O... Hour Sick >

Available Balance 16.00
 Earned to Date 0.00
 Planned Takings 0.00
 Taken to Date 0.00

Time-Off Request >

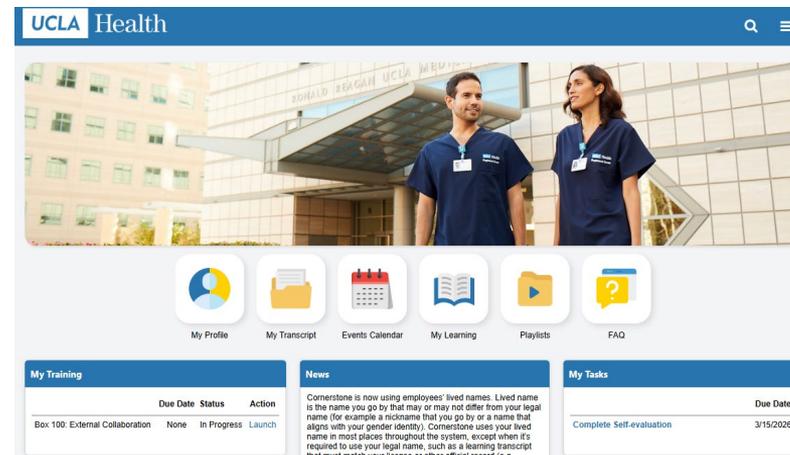
Performance Evaluations

- For employees hired on or before January 2, 2026
- The self-evaluation period runs until March 15.
- The performance period being evaluated is from March 1, 2025, to February 28, 2026.



Performance Evaluations

- For **UCLA Health career, non-bargaining unit employees**:
 - Evaluations will be completed on Cornerstone
 - Evaluations now include one consolidated comment box for manager feedback, rather than a box for each individual performance attribute
 - All employees should have received an email from MCHRPerformanceEval with a link to complete their self evaluations



The screenshot shows the UCLA Health Cornerstone employee portal. At the top, there is a blue header with the UCLA Health logo and a search icon. Below the header is a large image of two healthcare workers in blue scrubs standing in front of a building. Underneath the image are six circular icons representing different portal features: My Profile, My Transcript, Events Calendar, My Learning, Playlists, and FAQ. Below these icons are three main content sections: My Training, News, and My Tasks. The My Training section contains a table with columns for Due Date, Status, and Action. The News section contains a paragraph of text about lived names. The My Tasks section contains a table with columns for Due Date and a task entry.

Due Date	Status	Action
Box 100 External Collaboration	None	In Progress Launch

News

Cornerstone is now using employees' lived names. Lived name is the name you go by that may or may not differ from your legal name (for example a nickname that you go by or a name that aligns with your gender identity). Cornerstone uses your lived name in most places throughout the system, except when it's required to use your legal name, such as a learning transcript that must match your license or other official record (e.g.,

Due Date
Complete Self-evaluation 3/15/2026

Performance Evaluations

- Some employees who were previously evaluated using Cornerstone are now required to complete paper-based performance reviews
- For **Union-represented, non-academic** positions: employees should have received an email with a Word doc version of the evaluation form to initiate self-evaluations.



EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL

Employee Name	<u>Joe Bruin</u>	Position Title	<u>Mascot</u>
Department/School	<u>Department of Family Medicine</u>	Supervisor(s)	<u>Laura Sheehan</u>
Period of Evaluation	<u>3/1/2025 - 2/28/2026</u>		

II. Rating System and Definitions

The five point rating system for performance evaluations includes the following ratings: Unsatisfactory, Needs Improvement, Effective, Exceeds and Role Model.

- 1. Unsatisfactory:** The employee may meet performance objectives, but overall does not meet performance expectations. Immediate action is required to improve performance and/or behavior.
- 2. Needs Improvement:** The employee may have met some objectives, but has not consistently met all performance objectives. Employee needs to develop and improve skills, knowledge, or behavior to perform effectively in the role.
- 3. Effective:** Effective performance in the role, meaning most or all objectives and expectations. Produces effective results, demonstrating behaviors aligned with organizational expectations and values.
- 4. Exceeds:** Performance consistently exceeds most or all objectives and expectations. Exceeds expected results while demonstrating behaviors beyond expectations.
- 5. Role Model:** Performance consistently exceeds objectives and expectations. Recognized by others for their notable and valued contributions. Produces high impact results and demonstrates behaviors and an attitude that serves as an example to others.



II. Rating System and Definitions

Distinguishing Between a Rating of 4 and 5

While both ratings of 4 (Exceeds Expectations) and 5 (Role Model) reflect performance that goes beyond standard requirements, a rating of 5 should be used sparingly and reserved for truly exceptional achievement. Employees who receive a 5 rating have not only exceeded expectations but have also demonstrated performance that is distinctly above and beyond what is typically expected in the role.

A 5 (Role Model) rating typically reflects instances in which the employee had an opportunity to:

- Take on a stretch assignment, special project, or high-impact initiative that is not part of their everyday responsibilities.
- Deliver extraordinary contributions that create meaningful organizational value or positive outcomes.
- Exhibit exemplary behavior or skill in a way that stands out as a model for others.

Because these opportunities do not occur every year for every employee, a 5 rating should be reserved for noteworthy accomplishments that merit special recognition. A 4 rating remains an excellent performance assessment and reflects consistently strong performance beyond expectations, even if no extraordinary or unique opportunity arose during the year.



Union-Represented Roles

Exceptional Performance (EP)	Performance consistently exceeds most or all objectives and expectations. Notable, visible and excellent contributions are widely recognized in the unit. Produces high impact results beyond role and team, and demonstrates behaviors beyond the competency expectations.
Above Expectations (AE)	Performance consistently meets and often exceeds all objectives and expectations. Produces or exceeds expected results while demonstrating behaviors within and often beyond the competency expectations. Solid contributions are recognized in the unit.
Meets Expectations (ME)	Performance meets most or all objectives and expectations. Produces expected results that meet the needs and expectations of the role and for the team. Models behaviors within the competency expectations.
Improvement Needed (IN)	May have met some performance objectives but has not yet met all performance objectives and behavioral expectations. Improvement and/or growth is needed. Evaluator to differentiate in Comments section between: Learning = New to role or position (greater than 6 months) with additional learning required. Performance = Immediate improvement is needed due to inconsistent performance and/or behavior. (Evaluator comments mandatory)
Unsatisfactory Performance (UP)	May have met some performance objectives, but overall fails to meet performance and behavioral expectations. Immediate action is required to improve performance and/or behavior. (Evaluator comments mandatory)
N/A	Does not apply to employee in their current role.

Performance Evaluations

Training materials, and additional resources are available in the [Employee Experience Center](#) under the [Performance Evaluation page](#).

These include the [Performance Evaluation Guide for Leaders](#) and access to [prior year evaluations](#).

Additional information for managers is available at [Manager Connect > Manager Resources](#).

Financial Updates

Events and Entertainment

- All Events & Entertainment requests must be pre-approved by the department.
- Without proper documentation & justification your request will not be approved.
- To submit a request: fill out the [E & E Pre-Approval Request form](#)

UCLA Health

Events & Entertainment (E & E) Pre-Approval Request Form

All Events & Entertainment requests must be approved by UCLA DGSOM Departments of Pediatrics and Family Medicine before any bookings or purchases.

Submit one smartsheet form per event.

Documents Required:

- [Entertainment Worksheet\(s\)](#)*
- [Vendor Quote](#)
- [Attendees/Invitees List](#)**
- [Agenda/Invitation](#) (if applicable)
- [Contracts](#) (if applicable)***

*A separate Entertainment worksheet is required for each meal.

**Attendees/Invitees List should contain: Name, Email, Job Title/Affiliation

Submitter Name *

First Name & Last Name

Submitter UCLA Job Title *

UCLA Job Title/Working Title/Affiliation

Submitter Email *

UCLA MedNet Email

E & E Information

Department *

UCLA DGSOM

Event Host *

List Contact Info: Host Name; UCLA Job Title; & UCLA Mednet Email.

Ex. Dr. Anthony Stark, Department Chair, astark@uvmc.ucla.com

Documents

Documents 1-3 are required:

- 1) [Entertainment Worksheet\(s\)](#)*
- 2) [Vendor Quote](#)
- 3) [Attendees List/Invitees](#)**

Documents 4-5 if applicable:

- 4) [Agenda/Invitation](#)
- 5) [Contracts](#) (**Do not sign vendor Contracts!** You are not authorized to sign a contract on behalf of UCLA)

*A separate Entertainment worksheet is required for each meal.

**Attendees List should contain: Name, Email, UCLA Job Title/Affiliation

Travel & Entertainment

2026 Reimbursement Allowances

Hosted Event Meals

MEAL DETAILS	REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR COSTS PER PERSON**
Breakfast	Expenses incurred on or after January 1, 2026: \$34
Lunch	Expenses incurred on or after January 1, 2026: \$59
Dinner	Expenses incurred on or after January 1, 2026: \$103
Light Refreshments	Expenses incurred on or after January 1, 2026: \$24

Travel & Entertainment

Documentation

- Ensure that appropriate documentation is provided to substantiate expenses.
- All expenses must have sufficient business purpose.
 - Utilize the comment section to expand on each expense.
 - Or attach additional documentation with further explanations.
- If staying at the conference hotel >\$333, provide documentation confirming it is the official hotel (e.g. conference program)



Amazon – Restricted Items

In accordance with UC purchasing policies and requirements, the following product categories cannot be purchased through Amazon Business:

- Adult Products
- Alcoholic Beverages
- Credit Cards
- Digital Goods & Content
- **Food**
- Furniture
- Gift Cards
- Jewelry, Watches, Luggage
- Legal Agreement & Contracts, Subscribe with Amazon
- Postage Stamps
- Services
- Software
- Tobacco
- Unsupported Amazon Content
- Video Games, Magazines
- Wireless Services

The logo for Amazon Business, featuring the word "amazon" in white lowercase letters with a curved arrow underneath it, followed by the word "business" in white uppercase letters, all on a dark blue background.

New Purchasing Request Form

- The long-awaited revised Purchasing Request Form is now available on our [website!](#)
- It is streamlined and up to date with the latest purchasing guidance
- Depending on your selections, additional guidance will appear to ensure you provide all required documentation and that you are submitting the proper form
- Please provide feedback to Laura if you have any suggestions or concerns

Department of Family Medicine Purchase Request Form	
Form revised: 3/5/26	
Requester	
Requested By:	Requester E-mail:
PI Name:	Has the PI approved this purchase? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Delivery Address:	Is this urgent? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<small>Note: Items cannot be delivered to home addresses or non-UCLA owned/leased locations.</small>	
<small>If this purchase MUST be made via Pcard (credit card), please do not use this form. Use the P-Card Purchase Request Form instead.</small>	
Type of Purchase	
<small>Be aware: Purchase types listed in italics might not always use this form. Select for more info.</small>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Supplies (non-computers or software)	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Consultants/Contractors</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Computer/Laptop</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Software</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Service City/State where serv. will be provided: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Travel: Mileage and Parking only</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Utility (gas, electric, waste, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Travel</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Internal UCLA Purchase (UCLA parking, recharges, etc.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Entertainment/Catering</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Abstract/Journal Publication Fee, Subscription Fee, or Conference Registration</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Gift Cards</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Shipping (BioCair, FedEx Shipping [not printing], UPS, or World Courier)	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Guest Speakers, Honoraria, CAB, or Stipend</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Reimbursement (non-travel/entertainment)	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Medical License or Membership Fee</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Subaward/Subcontract</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Advertising</i>

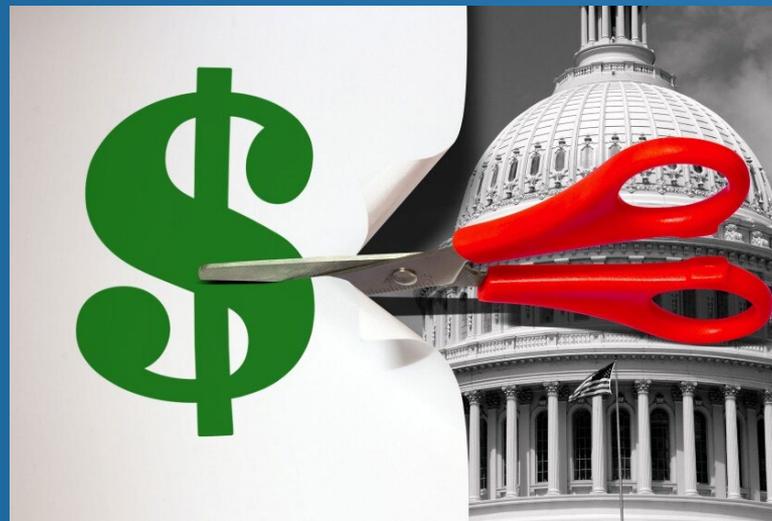
C&G Updates

Current State of Federal Health Research Funding

- Feb 3: Congress rejected the Trump administration's proposed 40% NIH budget cut and instead **increased NIH funding by 1%** .
- Bill also protects indirect cost rates by maintaining NIH's ability to negotiate institutional rates rather than imposing the previously proposed 15% cap.
- Congress rejected the administration's proposed reorganization that would have consolidated, relocated, or eliminated multiple Institutes and Centers, instead funding all 27 NIH ICs as currently structured.
- NIH and other health research agencies are now operational and can resume activities including releasing new funding opportunities and review panels.
- The CDC budget was maintained at current levels rather than facing the proposed 19 - 50% cuts.
- Partial Government Shutdown: As of Feb 14, only the Department of Homeland Security is (partially) shut down. All other agencies, including NIH and health -related agencies, have been funded through the end of FY2026.

Public Health Funding Cuts to CA, IL, MN, and CO

- Early Feb: Trump administration announced plans to cut approximately \$600 million in public health grants to California, Colorado, Illinois, and Minnesota, mostly affecting testing and treatment for HIV and other infectious diseases, emergency preparedness, disease outbreak tracking, and health outcomes research for LGBTQ+ people and communities of color. HHS claimed the grants were being terminated because they "do not reflect agency priorities"
- Feb 12: Attorneys general in the four affected states filed a lawsuit and **U.S. District Judge stopped the cuts from taking effect for 14 days**, stating that the states "have shown that they would suffer irreparable harm from the agency action," keeping grant money flowing from CDC to state and city health departments while the challenge proceeds.



DOJ Drops Appeal of *Univ Professors v. Trump*

- Feb 11: In a major victory for UCLA Faculty, the Department of Justice dropped its appeal of a federal court order that blocked the government from extracting a \$1.2 billion settlement from UCLA over alleged civil rights violations.
- The court identified a pattern where the administration would announce investigations, cancel federal grants en masse without following Title VI or Title IX procedural requirements, and then demand millions in payments plus sweeping policy changes. The injunction now requires the government to complete every required procedural step before restricting UC funding, including attempting voluntary compliance, providing proper notice, holding hearings, making findings of noncompliance on the record, reporting to congressional committees, waiting 30 days, and limiting terminations only to non-compliant programs.
- Harvard fought similar funding freezes and won in court, whereas Columbia, Northwestern, Cornell, and Brown all settled and paid massive amounts of money, all without any judicial finding they'd violated the law



NIH “Forward Funding”

- Forward funding means NIH obligates funds for the entire project period (typically 5 years) upfront in Year 1, rather than funding grants incrementally year -by-year
- Trump administration mandated this concept to allow future NIH directors greater agility to pivot toward emerging health crises or novel scientific opportunities. Administration planned to mandate at least 50% of awards be multiyear awards, but congress rejected that plan and limited to the 2025 level.
- Double-edged sword:
 - If faculty are fortunate enough to get funded, this policy would provide stability and greater flexibility, reduced administrative burden
 - But brutal reality is that the **odds of getting funded have dropped dramatically** . Top-scoring research proposals that would have been assured funding in prior years are now not getting funded. Especially **difficult** for early-career investigators.



Recently Submitted Proposals

PI	Title	Sponsor	Prime Sponsor	Program Type	Project Begin Date	Project End Date
Li, Michael Jonathan	Psilocybin-assisted therapy for methamphetamine use disorder	University of Wisconsin	NIH_NIDA	Clinical Research	12/01/2026	11/30/2031
Moreno, Gerardo	HCLA Access & Availability Improvement Grant	Health Care LA, IPA	-	Other Services	01/01/2026	12/31/2026
Li, Michael Jonathan	A Multisite Trial Integrating Health Vending Machines and Smartphone Contingency Management to Improve Naloxone Cascade Adherence and Prevent Overdose Deaths	University of Southern California	NIH-NIDA	Clinical Research	12/01/2026	11/30/2031
Johnson, Micah	The HEALTHy Brain and Child Development Study's Scientific Training in Addiction Research Techniques Program (HBCD-START)	UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT	NIH-NIDA	Research Training	7/15/2025	7/14/2026
Li, Michael Jonathan	Guiding Precision Medicine Approaches to HIV Prevention with People who Use Methamphetamine	Florida International University	NIH-NIDA	Clinical Research	120/01/2026	11/30/2031
Shoptaw, Steven J	NIDA Clinical Trials Network: Big South/West Node	University of Texas-Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas	NIH-NIDA	Clinical Research	12/1/2025	2/28/2026
Li, Michael Jonathan	Rocky Link: Integrating Health Vending Machines and Smartphone Technology for HIV Prevention and Care on the Rocky Boy Reservation	COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY	NIH	Clinical Research	7/1/2026	6/30/2029

Recently Processed Awards

PI	Award Title	Sponsor	Prime Sponsor	Program Type	Action Type	Project Period Begin Date	Project Period End Date
Tarn, Derjung Mimi	Nasal Steroids, Nasal Irrigation, Oral Antibiotics and Subgroup Targeting for Effective Management of Sinusitis (NOSES)	GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY	PCORI	CT Govt/ Non-Profit	No Cost Extension	04/01/2023	12/09/2026
Gelberg, Lillian	Cannabis Use for Medicinal Purposes Among Clinical Populations in California: Population Estimates of Prevalence, Frequency, Quantity and Reasons for Use	CA-Dept of Cannabis Control	-	Basic Org Research	Modification/Amendment	06/15/2023	06/14/2026
Li, Michael J.	Midwest Integration of the National HIV Curriculum (MINHC) Grant	University of Illinois	DHHS-HRSA Health Resources & SVC Admin	Training	Continuation	03/01/2023	08/31/2026
Shoptaw, Steven J	NIDA Clinical Trials Network: Big South/West Node	University of Texas-Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas	NIH-NIDA	Clinical Research	Modification/Amendment	03/01/2025	02/29/2032
Johnson, Micah	Examining the Stress Process of Recovery and Engagement in Substances and Service Outcomes (ESPRESSO)	NIH-NIDA National Institute on Drug Abuse	-	Training	No Cost Extension	06/05/2025	02/28/2027
Moreno, Gerardo	HCLA Access & Availability Improvement Grant	Health Care LA, IPA	-	Other Service	New	01/01/2026	12/31/2026

New CBR (Benefit) Rates

Below are the 8 UCLA campus Employee Groups with proposed CBRs for FY25-26 and FY26-27. Subject to federal review and approval, the proposed FY25-26 and FY26-27 CBRs are subject to change. Please note these are not UCLA Medical Center CBRs.

Group #	Employee Group	Proposed FY25-26 CBR	Proposed FY26-27 CBR
1	Faculty Summer	3.9%	3.5%
2	Non-HCOMP Faculty	32.2%	32.3%
3	HCOMP Faculty	31.5%	33%
4	Other Academics	42.9%	43.3%
5	Post Docs	19.6%	20.3%
6	Staff Exempt	42.9%	43.3%
7	Staff Non-Exempt + Food-Custodian-Grounds	49.5%	52.0%
8	Employees & Students with Limited Benefits	3.9%	3.5%

NIH Matchmaking Tool

Quick Search

Search RePORTER Search

Enter just about anything in the RePORTER Quick Search box above (text, PI names, project numbers, fiscal year, agency) or launch the Advanced Search to precisely configure searches using separate search fields.

[Advanced Search](#)

Welcome to the NIH RePORTER
Each award supported by NIH promotes efforts to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and/or the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability.

[Guided Tour](#) [Feedback](#)

Active Funding by State
Select a state to view projects

Active Projects by Institute/Center
Select a bar to view projects for an Institute/Center

Institute/Center	Number of Active Projects
CLC	~100
FIC	~100
NCRR	~100
NCI	~100
NIH	~8,500
NIHRR	~1,500
NHLBI	~6,000
NIA	~5,500
NIAAA	~1,000
NIAD	~7,500
NIAAMS	~1,500
NIBIB	~1,000
NIDCD	~3,500
NIDA	~2,500
NIDDK	~1,500
NIDCR	~4,500
NIHES	~1,500
NIHFS	~6,500
NIHFD	~3,500
NIHNS	~5,000
NLM	~1,000
OD	~1,000

Matchmaker

Enter abstracts or other scientific text to find potential Program Officials, ICs, and review panels for your research. [?](#)

15,000 characters left

Similar Projects
 Similar Program Officials

Advanced Projects Search

Search using specific criteria to find NIH projects and funding information.

[Get Started >](#)

- On February 27, 2026, NIH posted a Nexus article to remind researchers of their [Matchmaking Tool in RePORTER](#).
- Enter your abstract or key terms to determine which Institute, Center or Office may be the best fit.
- Learn more and view a [video demonstration](#) in the [Nexus article](#).

MISCELLANEOUS NIH UPDATES



ALL PRIOR APPROVAL REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN eRA COMMONS
[NOT-OD-26-026](#) announced the requirement that all prior approval requests must be submitted by a SO through eRA Commons



NEW EXECUTIVE LEVEL SALARY LEVEL
[NOT-OD-26-038](#) clarified the new salary levels for the Executive Pay Scale for 2026. The salary limitation for Executive Level II is \$228,000, effective January 1, 2026 (not January 11)



NIH NO LONGER FUNDING RESEARCH USING HUMAN FETAL TISSUE FROM ELECTIVE ABORTIONS
[NOT-OD-26-028](#) announced that NIH funds are no longer permitted for research using Human Fetal Tissue from elective abortions



MISCELLANEOUS NIH UPDATES, CONTINUED



HIV/AIDS DUE DATES ARE BEING SHIFTED TO STANDARD DEADLINES

[NOT-OD-26-029](#) announced that NIH will end separate AIDS application due dates starting January 2027, shifting all HIV/AIDS applications to standard deadlines.

Additional context available [here](#).



[Accelerating Research, Cutting Red Tape: 2025 at NIH | Grants & Funding](#)

Making Burden Reduction a Core Strategy: Policy modernization in 2025 was paired with meaningful simplification—ensuring that innovation does not translate into added complexity for investigators



NIH PRIOR APPROVAL NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR CONFERENCE GRANT APPLICATIONS

[NOT-OD-26-040](#) to reduce administrative burden, effective immediately, NIH will remove the prior approval requirement for submission of conference grant applications under the R13 and U13 activity.



‘Applicants are encouraged to submit two or more days early [to NIH] to allow time for application viewing and corrections before the application submission deadline’ [NOT-OD-26-025](#)

REMINDER: NIH APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETE AND COMPLIANT WITH NIH POLICY AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AT TIME OF SUBMISSION APPLICATIONS
[NOT-OD-26-025](#)

- NIH may withdraw any application that is incomplete or noncompliant*
- Placeholders may not be used (even if they pass system enforced validations)*
- Applicants must follow all application instructions including those in the SF424 Application Guide, NOFO, policy Notices, and other Notices.*
- Because eRA Commons does not provide Warning and Errors for every violation, applicants should not rely on validations but instead follow all instructions*

UPDATED: NIH MANDATORY TRAINING FOR OTHER SUPPORT DISCLOSURES

Effective October 1, 2025, NIH requires all Senior Key Personnel (SKP) to complete Other Support training before submitting Other Support disclosures. UPDATED: Effective **May 25, 2026**, NIH requires all Senior Key Personnel (SKP) to complete Research Security Training before submitting Common Form disclosures.

WHO

All individuals identified as [Senior/Key Personnel \(SKP\)](#)

SKP include the individuals who contribute to the scientific development or execution of a project in a substantive, measurable way, whether or not they receive salary or compensation under the grant. SKP must devote measurable effort to the project. "Zero percent" effort or "as needed" are not acceptable levels of involvement for those designated as Senior/Key Personnel.

OTHER SUPPORT TRAINING OPTIONS BEFORE MAY 25, 2026

SKP can complete one of the options below:

- UCOP "Research Security Training" (approx. 40 min) available in [CITI](#)
- NSF [Consolidated Research Security Training Module](#) (approx. 1 hour) available on the [NSF SECURE Center site](#)
- The "[UC Ethics and Compliance Briefing for Researchers](#)" (approx. 1 hour)

RESEARCH SECURITY TRAINING OPTIONS MANDATORY FROM MAY 25, 2026

SKP can complete one of the options below:

- UCOP "Research Security Training" (approx. 40 min) available in [CITI](#)
- NSF [Consolidated Research Security Training Module](#) (approx. 1 hour) available on the [NSF SECURE Center site](#)

• 'Ethics and Compliance briefing meets the Other Support training requirement but does not meet the RST requirement. *****RST meets both requirements*****

Continue to Use the Negotiated Federal Indirect Cost Rates

- Language in several 2026 appropriation bills requires that the current IDC process remain in effect until at least October 1, 2026
- It will be status quo if and until something new is fully implemented
- If a new IDC model were to be adopted, it would take at least an additional 1-2 years to implement
- Should OMB want to continue to pursue lowering IDC recovery, they would have to propose a change through a Uniform Guidance revision and be applicable starting October 1, 2026
- Additionally:
 - The NIH appeal of the 15% ruled in favor of the research community
 - The NSF appeal of the 15% was dropped

DGIT Updates



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Business Relationship

DGIT | **Management Experience Team**



- DGIT BRMs aim to bring value to our customers by serving as trusted advisors to our communities of research, education and patient care.

ServiceNow: UCLA Health IT New Idea Request

On **March 4, 2026**, the “[New Project Request](#)” form in Service Now will be decommissioned and replaced with a new submission form: “**UCLA Health IT New Idea Request**”. The UCLA Health IT Project Management Office (PMO) will receive the request as an **Idea** and will move it through discovery, scoping, and review before promoting it to a **Project**, converting it to an Enhancement, opening it as a service ticket, or cancelling it.

- [Visit this page for more information](#)
- [Sign up for an info session on February 24 or March 2](#)



Microsoft 365: Visio is available to all Mednet

Visio in Microsoft 365 is available free to all Mednet users via web browser and within the Microsoft Teams app. It offers basic templates for creating flowcharts, network diagrams, Venn diagrams, block diagrams, and business matrices. You can also collaborate in real time, comment, and share diagrams directly in the web or Teams app.

- [Learn more about this Microsoft Visio offering](#)
- [Open Visio in Microsoft 365 in a web browser](#)



EVENTS/TRAINING

BruinLearn UCLA – [Artificial Intelligence Foundations \(13 hours\)](#)

This comprehensive AI learning path is designed to empower UCLA staff with foundational knowledge, practical tools, and ethical understanding for engaging with artificial intelligence. Through a structured sequence of courses sourced from LinkedIn Learning and other open-access platforms, participants will explore AI from multiple angles—from core concepts to hands-on productivity tools, interaction techniques, and ethical frameworks. All content provided is available at no cost to the user



Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Next Grand Rounds: April 24th
- Next Research Unit Meeting: April 2nd
- Prior monthly meeting agendas/slides are available on the [website](#)

The screenshot shows the UCLA Health website's Research page for Family Medicine Research Unit Employees. The page is titled "For Family Medicine Research Unit Employees" and includes a navigation menu with options like "About Us", "For Patients", "Specialties", "Education", "Research", "Support Our Mission", and "Use Calendars". The main content area is divided into "TRAINING-HOW-TO GUIDES" and "FORMS". The "MONTHLY RESEARCH UNIT MEETINGS SLIDES AND AGENDAS" section is circled in red and lists the following items:

- June 2022 Research Unit Meeting
- May 2022 Research Unit Meeting
- March 2022 Research Unit Meeting
- February 2022 Research Unit Meeting
- December 2021 Research Unit Meeting