

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Core Directors  
Department Chairs and Center Directors

**FROM:** Blossom Damania, PhD and Christopher W. Gregory, PhD  
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**DATE:** 15 AUG 2022

**RE:** Core Facilities Funding Requests

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The UNC Core Facilities Advocacy Committee [CFAC] is soliciting proposals from across campus for funding for biomedical core facilities. This is a general RFA; requests for equipment, operational needs, and methods/technological development will all be considered.

Requests will be considered that add new technology or services, upgrade heavily used technology, or provide new instrumentation that will serve a group of faculty. To be considered, all equipment must be housed in an open UNC core facility available to all UNC investigators.

CFAC is especially interested in new technology or methodology which will bring cutting-edge experimental capabilities to UNC that are or will be of benefit to other investigators, that creates multi-core pipelines, or that will help in obtaining external funding. Funding requests must be submitted by a core facility but are recommended to include input from an investigator interested in collaborating with the core.

CFAC does not routinely provide grants over \$50,000, but well-justified requests will be considered. For large equipment purchases, other options may be available such as NCBC Institutional Development Grants and the NIH S10 Shared Instrumentation Grant (SIG).

Word templates are provided to assist core directors in planning their submissions, but all funding requests should be submitted online at: <https://www.med.unc.edu/corefacilities/fall-rfa/>

If submitting more than one request, please prioritize your requests.

Note: CFAC funds do not typically carry forward; any awarded amounts must be used in the current fiscal year.

**Please submit your request electronically at:** <https://www.med.unc.edu/corefacilities/fall-rfa/>

**For your request to be considered, a current Core Facility Annual Planning Survey must be on file (along with a history of submitted surveys) with the Office of Research Technologies. To request or submit a survey, please contact:** [corefacilities@med.unc.edu](mailto:corefacilities@med.unc.edu)

To assist CFAC members with funding decisions for qualifying applications, proposal submitters may be asked to present a brief overview and justification to the committee (no more than 5 slides followed by Q&A). Review and evaluation of funding requests will follow the 'Guidelines for Initiating Changes to Core Facilities' document. This document as well as information on the role of CFAC can be found on the [Core Facilities website](#) .