## Resource Allocation Program



A collaborative effort among UCSF funding agencies

## **RAP Review Form**

Cycle:

Applicant Name: ... Proposal Title: ...

**Grant Mechanism: Hardship Awards** 

Review Committee: ... Reviewer's Name: ...

Overall Score (from 1 to 9, whole number only): ...

## **Scoring System**

Ratings are provided only in whole numbers, not decimals.

Note: scores 1-3 should represent no more than the top 30% of proposals.

| Impact | Score | Descriptor   | Additional Guidance on Strengths/Weaknesses         |
|--------|-------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| High   | 1     | Exceptional  | Exceptionally strong with essentially no weaknesses |
|        | 2     | Outstanding  | Extremely strong with negligible weaknesses         |
|        | 3     | Excellent    | Very strong with only some minor weaknesses         |
| Medium | 4     | Very Good    | Strong but with numerous minor weaknesses           |
|        | 5     | Good         | Strong but with at least one moderate weaknesses    |
|        | 6     | Satisfactory | Some strengths but also some moderate weaknesses    |
| Low    | 7     | Fair         | Some strengths but with at least one major weakness |
|        | 8     | Marginal     | A few strengths and a few major weaknesses          |
|        | 9     | Poor         | Very few strengths and numerous major weaknesses    |

**Minor Weakness:** An easily addressable weakness that does not substantially lessen impact **Moderate Weakness:** A weakness that lessens impact

Major Weakness: A weakness that severely limits impact

General Review (Please provide a one-page review) These comments WILL be shared with the applicant.

Please include comments for each of the following sections:

- 1. General critique and summary of the proposal.
- 2. Significance. Does the study address an important problem?

- 3. Approach. Are methods, study design and analysis appropriate?
- 4. Innovation. Is the study original and innovative?
- 5. Investigator(s).
  - Is the applicant(s) trained to do the studies?
  - Are there personal or professional context or background related to income disadvantage, that are relevant to the hardship?
  - Does the applicant have experience that make them uniquely qualified to conduct the research?
  - Are there qualities and potential of the applicant within the context of their overall contributions to UCSF, as well as their field(s) of research expertise, to be considered?
- 6. Environment/Departmental support. Is appropriate support available from department? Does the applicant(s) have access to the necessary tools?
- 7. Were the nature and context of the temporary hardship, the applicants' overall track record of funding, why the hardship has impacted funding, and the degree to which Pl's ongoing research program will be hurt by lack of funds, sufficiently described?
- 8. Future potential. Is the research likely to lead to extramural funding?
- 9. Was there adequate evidence of funding attempts and description of plans to obtain future funding? Are there other funds available to the PI for this project?
- 10. If applicable, is the Mentoring Plan adequate for the applicant?
- 11. Any question or concern about the budget?

## **Confidential Comments**

Please add any confidential comments or concerns about the application.

These comments will NOT be shared with the applicant.