UC Center Sacramento
Opportunities for Collaboration with UC Research Faculty
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UC Center Sacramento is a system-wide program of the University of California serving all 10 UC campuses. One of the Center’s core missions is to share knowledge in the interest of better, more evidence-based public policy. In addition to a weekly Speakers Series attracting, on average, over 100 Capitol community attendees, the Center hosts special workshops, debates, discussion forums, and other policy events in collaboration with diverse UC-affiliated groups; civic, educational, and research organizations; and state and local government agencies. Recent highlights include an international conference on drought and water policy; a UC-wide public lecture and white paper competition focused on childhood poverty; and a panel on psychiatric bed availability in California (moderated by State Senator Scott Wiener). UCCS can help UC investigators address the broader impacts and policy implications of their research, as often required by NSF, NIH, and other funding organizations.

The Center is pleased to collaborate with UC faculty members preparing grant proposals that would benefit from the Center’s knowledge-sharing capabilities. Relevant collaborative activities may include:

- Hosting speakers, panels, or conferences at the Center’s core facility, located at 1130 K Street in Sacramento (one block from the State capitol building);
- Organizing briefings for policymakers (including legislators, agency staff, and statewide organizations), and the press;
- Convening informal discussions between researchers and policymakers for the purpose of sharpening the policy relevance of research plans and findings;
- Editing and disseminating reports to policy-relevant audiences;
- Drafting and editing policy briefs, for posting to the Center website and dissemination to the Center’s extensive mailing list of State policymakers;
- Integrating project findings into curricula to be shared with undergraduate students taking coursework at UCCS;
- Other activities limited only by creativity and resources.

UCCS will assist in preparing the policy dissemination sections of grant proposals at no charge, with the understanding that the Center is written into the grant budget at a level necessary to cover costs. Below are some examples of what can be done and the associated costs. Please
note that travel costs for participants are not included in the figures below. We estimate that each speaker or panelist travelling within California will average approximately $750 in travel expenses. There is the ability to professionally record panels and post them online for a fee.

1. A 1 hour policy panel involving participation by 2 UC faculty and a moderator from the Sacramento policy community for an audience of 100 (including marketing, meeting space, audio-visual equipment, registration, and food and beverage service) would be approximately $5,000

2. A half-day policy event involving participation by 4 UC faculty and a moderator from the Sacramento policy community for an audience of 100 (including marketing, meeting space, audio-visual equipment, registration, food and beverage service) would be approximately $8,000

3. A full-day policy event involving participation by 8 UC faculty and a moderator from the Sacramento policy community for an audience of 100 (including marketing, meeting space, audio-visual equipment, registration, food and beverage service) would be approximately $12,000

Faculty interested in discussing possible collaborations with UCCS should contact Richard Kravitz, UCCS Director (rlkravitz@ucdavis.edu) or Cindy Simmons, UCCS Associate Director (csimmons@ucdavis.edu).