

Projects Definitions for PPM & General Ledger

PPM Projects & Definitions

Extramural Funding – Level A: EMF0000000

Sponsored agreements set out requirements for accepting funds in support of a specific project or program. The requirements (“terms and conditions”) included in these agreements usually specify time periods for expending funds and contain provisions for financial and technical reporting and intellectual property assignments, including patents and copyrights.

Grant – Level B: GNT0000000

A grant is a type of financial or other assistance awarded to an organization for the conduct of research or other program as specified in an approved proposal. A grant is used when the sponsor anticipates no substantial programmatic involvement during the performance of the project. Grants are the most commonly used type of sponsored agreement.

Grant also includes subawards, cooperative agreements, and multi-campus agreements (“MCA”) defined below. Grants awarded by UCOP or other UC campuses to UC Merced that are managed by Contracts & Grants Accounting are also classified as Grant Projects.

A collaborative subaward is written under the authority of and consistent with the terms and conditions of a grant that transfers a portion of the research or substantive effort of the Merced prime award to another institution or organization. Sponsored Program Authorized Officials are responsible for issuing collaborative awards.

A cooperative agreement is used when the purpose of the agreement is similar to that of a grant, but substantial programmatic involvement of or coordination by the funding agency is anticipated during the project.

A Multi-Campus Agreement (MCA) is the term for a subaward transferring funds between two campuses of the University of California. The agreement takes the form of a brief memo from one campus to the other. As with other subawards, an intercampus suballocation from one UC campus typically passes on to the other campus the same terms and conditions of the prime award from the funding agency.

Contract – Level B: CNT0000000

A contract is used when the principal purpose of the agreement is to provide tangible results or other “deliverable” items or to carry out a prescribed service for the direct benefit or use of the funding agency. Payment is contingent upon performance.

Many types of contracts exist. The most common type on campus is the cost-reimbursement contract, in which the sponsor pays for the full costs incurred in the conduct of the work up to an agreed-upon amount. (Note that grants can also be cost-reimbursement.) The campus accepts fixed-price contracts when appropriate. Fixed price means that the awarding agency pays a predetermined amount rather than reimbursing actual expenditures.

Contract also includes subcontracts, cooperative agreements, and multi-campus agreements (“MCA”) defined below. Contracts awarded by UCOP or other UC campuses to UC Merced that are managed by Contracts & Grants Accounting are also classified as Contract Projects.

A collaborative subcontract is written under the authority of and consistent with the terms and conditions of a contract that transfers a portion of the research or substantive effort of the Merced prime award to another institution or organization. Sponsored Program Authorized Officials are responsible for issuing collaborative awards.

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Capital Projects – Level A: CAP0000000

Minor Capital – Level B: CMN0000000

New construction, substantial alterations, extensions, or improvements to existing structures with an estimated cost greater than \$35,000 but does not exceed \$1 million.

Major Capital – Level B: CMJ0000000

New construction, substantial alterations, extensions, or improvements to existing structures with an estimated cost in excess of \$1 million.

Deferred Maintenance – Level B: CDM0000000

Maintenance that was not performed when it should have been or was scheduled to be and which, therefore is put off or delayed for a future period.

Capital Renewal – Level B: CCR0000000

Renewal or replacement of campus utility infrastructure, building systems, equipment, roofs, walls, and windows

Other Projects-Non PPM

General Ledger Only Projects – Level A: GLP0000000

General Project – Level B: PRJ0000000¹

Activities, initiatives, or body of work with explicit funding, low complexity of budget management, and/or reporting needs not explicitly defined as a PPM Project.

U.C. Internal Funding – Level A: UCF0000000

Faculty Start Up – Level B: SUP0000000

Funds committed by the Provost to cover approved start-up costs for newly hired faculty. Central Budget Office allocates funds on a reimbursement basis for eligible expenditures.

Faculty - Institutional Grant/Contract Awards – Level B: IST0000000

Funding received from UC Office of the President or other UC campuses from sources other than external contracts or grants in support of specific research activities.

Internal Funding – Level B: INT0000000

Campus or UC-System funding from sources other than contracts or grants provided in support of faculty or department research activities. Also includes campus funding for specific non-research activity that requires detailed tracking and fund management such as Be Smart About Safety, Library Collections, and Discretionary Pools for Chancellor, Provost, etc.

Faculty - Indirect Cost Return – Level B: IDC0000000

Funds received through externally sponsored research activity to reimburse costs incurred by the university as a result of the research and are allocated, by agreement, to the Principle Investigator(s) related to the sponsored research activity.

Faculty – Incidentals – Level B: INC0000000

Additional academic support or discretionary funding provided to ladder rank faculty members on an annual basis.

Faculty - Department Chair – Level B: CHR0000000

Additional funds allocation for faculty who has been appointed as department chair who serves as the academic leader and administrative head of a department of instruction or research, or a clinical service.

Faculty - Senate Committee Funds – Level B: SEN0000000

Funding provided to faculty serving on UC Merced Academic Senate committees.

Faculty – Spark – Level B: SPK0000000

Funding provided for the instruction of Spark seminars. Spark seminars are offered to first-year students, introducing them to life at a research university.

Faculty – Fellowship Level B: FEL0000000

Financial aid awarded by faculty to graduate students in support of the student’s academic progress.

Faculty – Retention – Level B: RET0000000

Funding committed by the Provost in support of faculty retention efforts at UC Merced.

Faculty - Summer Session Revenue Sharing – Level B: SUM0000000

Summer session revenue funds allocated to faculty and/or schools by agreement with Summer Session Department.

External Relations Funding – Level A: ERF0000000

Gifts – Level B: GFT0000000

Any payment that confers a personal benefit on the recipient to the extent that consideration of equal or greater value is not received and includes a rebate or discount in the price of anything of value unless the rebate or discount is made in the regular course of business to members of the public without regard to official status.

Endowments – Level B: END0000000

A gift or bequest when a donor instructs the fiduciary that the corpus of the gift be held in perpetuity (or for a specific term of years) with the income/payout used to support the institution or a particular program. Such gifts may be held in a fiduciary capacity by The Regents, a Campus Foundation, or an independent trustee licensed to engage in trust business.