

Core Research Professional Award

Deadline for Nominations: October 6, 2026

Research Core Facilities are a vital part of the research enterprise in the College of Medicine (CoM) as the expertise and data generated are critical to the advancement of the research programs for our investigators. To recognize this service to our research mission, the CoM Office of Research and the Core Management Planning and Sustainability (CoMPAS) Committee are soliciting nominations for the UC College of Medicine Core Research Professional Award. A single annual award will be presented to a research core staff employee who, in the opinion of the CoMPAS Committee, shows an outstanding commitment to advancing the CoM research mission through support as a core service. The recipient of this award will be recognized at the annual CoM research recognition event in the Fall and with an award of \$1,000.

Nomination Process: (to be completed by anyone in the UCCOM research community)

1. Nominations will be open to the full research community until October 6, 2026.
2. Nominations for this award are to be directed to an online [nomination portal](#) where you will provide your name, name of nominee, and the core facility (a list of eligible cores may be found on the [CoM Research Core Facilities webpage](#)). Nominations from multiple people are permitted.
3. The nominations will be compiled and forwarded to the corresponding core facility faculty directors to complete a full application package for their nominee.

Application Package: (to be completed by the Core Facility Faculty Director)

The application must be in the form of a single pdf submitted by the core facility faculty director and should include the following:

1. Cover sheet (nominee name, email address, professional title, and years of service in the core).
2. A letter of nomination and recommendation from the faculty director of the core. The letter should not exceed two pages and should highlight the nominee's service to the CoM research mission with an emphasis on the volume and scope of the nominee's contribution to core services and the impact over the past year. The letter may include input from core users at the discretion of the faculty director. Finally, the letter should address the following review criteria:
 - a. **Job knowledge and technical skills** (e.g., problem solving, innovations in technology, training on new systems)
 - b. **Research productivity** (e.g., improved efficiencies, cost reduction, volume of samples/projects, publication, acknowledgements, presentations)
 - c. **Customer Service** (e.g., meeting the needs of the investigator, going the extra steps to improve the impact)

Eligibility Criteria:

Nominees must be UC-paid CoM full-time staff with greater than 60% effort designated in a government cost compliance research core facility that offers fee-for-service research activities. **Note:** Faculty, postdocs, and employees of UC Health and Cincinnati Children's Hospital are not eligible for this award. Past recipients of the Research Professional or the Research Core Professional Award in the past 5 years are not eligible for this award.

Both core staff and non-faculty core managers are eligible for the award, but reviewers will weigh the expected impact at the various professional levels to be commensurate with the given position in deciding the rank order of the nominees for the award.

Application Package Submission Deadline:

Final application packages should be submitted electronically through the [submission portal](#) by 5:00 pm on November 3, 2026. Questions should be sent to diana.mullenix@uc.edu.