



California Cancer Research Fund *Fact Sheet*

The California Cancer Research Fund is a voluntary state tax-check-off designated to be used for research "on the causes and treatments for cancer, expanding community-based education on cancer, and providing culturally sensitive and appropriate prevention and awareness activities targeted toward communities that are disproportionately at risk or afflicted by cancer..." (Revenue and Taxation Code Section 18861-18864).

The funds are allocated to the University of California and are administered through the [Research Grants Program Office](#) (RGPO), [Office of Research and Graduate Studies](#) at the [University of California, Office of the President](#). RGPO comprises a broad portfolio of research programs and grants, representing up to \$100 million in funded research each year. With a diverse set of missions and approaches, these programs seek to:

- Advance research in areas of importance to California, the nation and the world.
- Enhance California's and UC's research capacity and excellence, making it easier to attract the best faculty, graduate students, government funding, and companies to the State.
- Create opportunities for undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral researchers to develop their research and advance their careers

Within RGPO the tax check-off funds are administered by the [Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program \(TRDRP\)](#).

- In 2011 the TRDRP allocated tax check-off funds to support ADEPT (Alliance for Data Dissemination to Achieve Equity for Priority Populations on Tobacco), an innovative program which is helping California's diverse populations understand and translate tobacco use and smoking-related cancer information through the dissemination and evaluation of high quality, evidence-based data.
- In order to envision a multi-year strategy for the disposition of the tax revenues accrued to the California Cancer Research Fund TRDRP subsequently convened a select panel of experts from UC Chancellors, Directors of the UC NCI Cancer Centers, and the American Cancer Society.
- As a result of this meeting the TRDRP will issue an RFP in September 2012 calling for research proposals on lung cancer screening in disproportionately impacted California communities.
- Ninety-five percent of TRDRP revenue goes to funding research and education efforts.
- The TRDRP involves scientists and community stakeholders in every aspect of TRDRP decision-making including program planning and grant application review.