

WACD Collaboration and Education Grant Program

The Western Association of Core Directors is launching a Collaboration and Education Grant Program for members of Core facilities throughout the western US. We aim to encourage sharing of best practices, learning new technologies or skills, and providing networking opportunities in order to add value to our facilities and the WACD community as a whole. Our vision is to create a web of collaborative partnerships that will build or strengthen strategic educational, research, technology, and information transfer activities regionally. We anticipate two funding sessions per year, depending on the availability of funds. Funding for this program is determined by the WACD Treasurer on an annual basis.

Program Objectives:

1. Foster cooperation, collaborations and networking between and across WACD or other ABRF-member institutions.
2. Provide a mechanism to produce and disseminate knowledge and resources.

Requested funds can be used for the following:

1. Travel to establish or maintain partnerships between WACD region core facilities or ABRF-member institutions.
2. Travel and/or registration for technology training courses, workshops, or consultation services that would strengthen or add a new capability to one or more core facilities in the WACD region.
3. Funds for the dissemination of educational materials or creation of educational resources.

Eligibility Criteria:

Western region Core facility staff members are eligible to apply for a WACD Collaboration and Education Grant. This includes the states of AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA and WY. Instructions for applying and the deadline for the upcoming award period will be posted on the [WACD website](#).

Evaluation Procedure:

The WACD Collaboration and Education Grant Committee will evaluate each proposal in terms of merit, planning, and the potential to impact western region core facilities. Additional documents such as a letter of support or matching funds from your institution are encouraged. Preference will be given to applicants from a facility that has attended one or more of the last three WACD annual meetings.

Reporting

Within one year of the award, applicants must submit a brief final report to the WACD Organizing Committee that describes the results from the activity. Any publications, presentations, resources or reports that emanate from this funding should cite the award and inform WACD of such activities.