Matching funds for HSC Core Facilities Instrumentation for Faculty Recruits

The purchase of specialized instrumentation is often a requirement for successful faculty recruiting. In order to maximize institutional impact, where appropriate, we encourage this instrumentation be located in an HSC Core Facility because that ensures expert maintenance and user support, and helps defray costs and supports the broader research mission by facilitating access by additional users.

Although opportunities for external funding should always be considered, it is often not possible to secure external grant support for instrumentation for a new junior faculty recruit. When external funding is not plausible, SVPHS matching funds may nevertheless be available for instrumentation purchases associated with a specific recruitment. Terms of the partnership will be defined by the HSC Core Facilities Director (James Cox) in light of each specific situation. At a minimum, it is expected that:

1. The department should cover costs for purchase of the instrument at least equal to the fraction of time estimated for use by the recruit, with the minimum department contribution being 50% of the total purchase costs.
2. The recruit should commit to covering a defined fraction (up to the percent of protected time) of the service contract and expenses for at least 3 years. The commitment may be met in part or whole by user fees paid by the recruit (perhaps using start-up funds), with balance of the commitment covered by additional departmental funds. Any shortfall in equipment maintenance and service contract should be covered by the recruit, Department or College.

Requests for support should be made to the AVPR HS and VDR SOM, and should follow the process outlined above for matches to instrumentation grants. Requests should be made jointly by the relevant Department Chair and the Director HSC Core Facilities (James Cox), and should include a discussion about costs for maintenance/service contracts for the first five years after purchase of the instrument.