



Subject: –80°C Freezer Policy and Rebate Program

Dear UCSF Community,

UCSF is instituting a new policy requiring the purchase of Energy Star-certified –80°C ultra-low temperature (ULT) freezers. A list of over 25 brands of Energy Star –80°C freezers can be found [here](#). All new –80°C ULT freezer purchases will need to come from this list.

This policy follows a highly successful ULT freezer rebate program (see below) that led to a significant shift towards purchases of Energy Star freezers by UCSF research groups. This policy is motivated by UCSF's commitment to ongoing research infrastructure improvements (modern freezers are up to 25% more space efficient and use only 30% of the energy of older freezers) and by the UC-wide commitment to reduce energy use at each location.

To assist you in this transition, UCSF has continued and expanded its [ULT Freezer Rebate Program](#). There are a variety of different financial incentives offered depending on your situation (new non-replacement freezer, new replacement freezer, freezer consolidation). For questions about Energy Star –80°C freezer rebates please contact UCSF Sustainability: sustainability@ucsf.edu.

We appreciate your understanding in working to improve UCSF's research infrastructure and making environmentally conscious purchase decisions to help protect our planet.

Sincerely,

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