

**Wet bench research** is done in what has traditionally been called a laboratory setting, which contains lab benches, sinks, hoods (fume or tissue culture), microscopes, and other lab equipment. It involves chemicals and/or biological specimens including animals, tissues, cells, bacteria, or viruses. At FSM, all wet bench research is done in Ward, Morton, Searle, Tarry, Olson/McGaw, or Lurie. Computational work done in close proximity to and collaboration with laboratory-based investigators as an integral part of the research is still considered wet bench.

**Dry lab research** is a relatively new term referring to research done in an office setting. This typically is done in offices and workstations, but can also involve specialized procedure rooms for interviewing or testing within office suites. In FSM, this will most frequently be done outside of the six laboratory buildings, but there may be exceptions.

**Mixed research** involves elements of both wet bench and dry lab research. Often these are larger, multi-project studies. Staff typically occupy space in both laboratory and office buildings. Proposals marked as Mixed should have nearly equal amounts of wet and dry lab research. If the proposal is 60% or greater Wet or Dry, it should be coded as such.