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2013 Request for Applications

Emerging Opportunity Grants

Overview

To provide timely funding for time-sensitive HIV/AIDS-related 1) research projects, or 2) infrastructure to build capacity for CFAR HIV research activities, or 3) faculty recruitment. Proposals that take advantage of recent developments in a field, new technologies, or that will provide an important new resource, technology, or area of expertise to our CFAR HIV/AIDS research community are encouraged. The intent of these grants is to provide short-term, start-up funds. Funds for research are intended to test hypotheses, and to generate sufficient data for subsequent applications for other funds. Awardees should plan to apply for other funding, if results warrant. Proposed projects must be distinct from ongoing work. Proposals for infrastructure and faculty recruitment must show clear benefit to the larger CFAR research community. The award period for this grant is a maximum of one year.

Funding Available

Up to \$25,000 direct costs per award, for a maximum of one year. We anticipate that 3 awards will be made during this cycle.

Types of Projects

We are offering funding for three types of projects:

- 1) HIV/AIDS-related research projects: HIV/AIDS-related research is defined broadly and includes basic science, clinical, behavioral epidemiological, and health services research.
- 2) Infrastructure: Types of proposals could include (but are not limited to) facility renovation or purchase of supplies or equipment that contribute to the execution, efficiency, and development of research projects. Proposals for infrastructure must benefit our CFAR research community, should be for items not readily purchased on a typical research grant, and should promote collaborative and innovative HIV research. We cannot fund construction or activities that would change the "footprint" of an existing facility, but we can fund minor alterations and renovations, in keeping with [NIH Grants Policy Statement](#).
- 3) Faculty recruitment: Faculty recruitment proposals must benefit our CFAR research community and can pay for salary and benefits, and recruitment and relocation expenses.

Proposals cannot have overlap in scope with applications for CFAR International Pilot or Infrastructure Awards.

Eligibility

Applicants must be a [member of the CFAR](#), i.e. active investigators (faculty or trainees) at UW or a UW-affiliated institution, e.g. Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle BioMed, Seattle Children's, or other affiliated domestic or international institution (must have collaborative relationship with UW faculty or UW affiliate faculty).

Anyone from postdoctoral fellow through senior faculty is eligible to apply, but HIV investigators who do not meet the criteria for an [NIH-defined "New Investigator"](#) and are submitting a research proposal (as opposed to infrastructure or recruitment) must propose a project outside of their current area of study. Investigators without prior HIV experience at any level are eligible to apply.

If you have any questions about eligibility, please email laurenst@uw.edu.

Pre-Submission Requirements

All potential applicants need approval in order to apply, and should send a very brief (a few sentences) summary of their project and a justification of why it is time sensitive and potentially high impact to laurenst@uw.edu by Wednesday, December 18.

UW applicants do not need departmental, school, or Office of Sponsored Programs signatures. Applicants from other institutions should prepare and submit a PHS 398 face page, with concurrence from their institution's business official; and consult with the CFAR Developmental Core Manager, Lauren Sterling, at laurenst@uw.edu or 206-744-8876, prior to preparing an application.

All applicants for research projects are encouraged to discuss their proposal with one of CFAR's biostatisticians prior to/during the preparation of their application. Please consult the Biometrics Core using their [Request for Consultation form](#).

We encourage applicants to use CFAR Cores or link to CFAR Scientific Working Groups (see <http://cfar.washington.edu> for more information).

Pre-Award Requirements

Note regarding Human Subjects and Animal Care Approvals: Animal Care and Institutional Review Board approvals, if applicable, must be obtained prior to receipt of an award, but are not required to submit an application.

1. For research projects, prior to funding, a copy of all Institutional Biohazard, Animal Care and IRB approvals must be forwarded to the CFAR Developmental Core Program Manager. If the project involves human subjects and the institutional IRB has deemed the study "greater than minimal risk" or it involves vulnerable populations, the awardee must submit a Clinical Research Checklist to the CFAR Developmental Core Program Manager before funding is released for additional clearance from NIH. It is recommended that if your study is minimal risk or below and linked to a non-minimal risk study, you apply for independent approval by the UW IRB – this will expedite the regulatory approval process.
2. Proposals involving international sites (including infrastructure projects) will require additional clearance from NIH prior to receipt of an award. For research projects, this will include IRB approval from all participating sites and human subjects training certification for all key personnel.

Post-Award Requirements

1. Awardees will be required to submit progress reports to the CFAR. Awardees of research projects will be required to make an oral presentation at the annual UW AIDS & STD Research Symposium.
2. [CFAR support must be acknowledged](#) for all project outcomes, e.g. publications, presentations, faculty recruited, infrastructure capacity-building, that is derived from CFAR funding.
3. In the event that pending other support is funded which overlaps with or reduces your effort on this CFAR project, you must notify the CFAR Developmental Core Manager. Your funding status will be reviewed and if it is determined that you are unable to meet the specific aims of your CFAR proposal, the CFAR award will be revoked.
4. Spend award within one year from release of funds, and comply with all post-award spending policies per the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](#).
5. After project is completed, be available to provide contact information in order to facilitate providing information about publications, collaborations, and future grants related to your CFAR project.

Application Instructions

After completing all pre-submission requirements, submit the following in one MS Word or PDF file by 11:59 pm (PST) **January 6, 2014** to <https://depts.washington.edu/cfar/find-funding/emerging-opportunity-grants/submission-form>:

1. Face Page: (PHS 398 Form page 1 - Download: [MS Word](#) or [PDF](#)) Institutional sign-off for Non-UW applicants required.
2. Abstract (1 page max). List the aims and briefly describe the project.
3. PHS 398 detailed budget (PHS 398 Form page 4 - Download: [MS Word](#) or [PDF](#)) and budget justification.
4. NIH-style biographical sketch for PI (PHS 398 Format - Download: [MS Word](#) or [PDF](#)), including Research Support section.
5. Proposal (2 pages, not including references). Emphasize the rationale, why the proposal is time-sensitive and important in the context of HIV/AIDS, and include a description of the project. For infrastructure or faculty recruitment proposals, strong justification for how the proposal will benefit the CFAR community should be provided.
6. Letters of support from collaborators essential to the success of proposed project.

Review Criteria for Research Proposals

1. Scientific merit
2. Urgency
3. Feasibility
4. Importance of your proposal to our CFAR HIV/AIDS research community

Review Criteria for Infrastructure or Faculty Recruitment Proposals

1. Value added to existing research projects and programs
2. Need (and lack of other sources to fund the request)
3. Collaborative benefit for multiple projects*
4. Relationship to UW/FHCRC CFAR
5. Relevance to underserved populations
6. Potential for new collaborations & research projects

* Improvements that would support multidisciplinary projects are encouraged and are defined as improving infrastructure for 2 or more investigators that have differing areas of expertise or different research focuses.