

## CFAR AWARD PROGRAM FOR NEW INVESTIGATORS Application Information

### Award Description and Purpose

Awards will be \$45,000/year (direct costs) for non-interdisciplinary applications or \$55,000 (direct costs) for interdisciplinary projects for up to 2 years, with a target start date of May 15, 2008. Second year funding is contingent upon demonstration of satisfactory progress during year one. The main purpose of the awards is to encourage investigators to pursue careers in HIV/AIDS research and support their development. Awardees should plan to use CFAR-supported data as the basis for subsequent applications to other funding sources. The award can be used for salary, technical support, laboratory supplies, equipment, and travel costs related to the project.

### Who is Eligible to Apply

- 1) Current UW junior faculty, including acting positions, who have not had an R01 grant for HIV/AIDS
- 2) Scientists completing fellowships
- 3) Senior post-doctoral fellows initiating a new area of research that will form a basis for their independent program
- 4) Junior faculty being recruited to the UW faculty or affiliated institutions
- 5) Investigators with comparable appointments at UW-affiliated institutions (e.g., Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle Biomedical Research Institute, Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center, and affiliated foreign institutions)
- 6) Minority investigators at the University of Hawaii with comparable positions

Note that applicants are required to have an MD or PhD or equivalent degree in order to be eligible to apply. NIH K awards do not impact on eligibility as long as the requested funds support different items. (The research can be on the same topic.) Successful applicants usually have some preliminary data to support their application.

### Eligible Topics

HIV-related research is defined broadly and includes basic science, clinical, epidemiological, and behavioral, and health services research. Multidisciplinary projects are encouraged and are defined as involving 2 or more investigators that have differing areas of expertise or different research focuses, e.g. applicant and a co-investigator with differing areas of expertise or applicant plus 2 co-mentors with the applicant having the same expertise as one of the mentors (at least one of the co-mentors must be faculty at UW or domestic affiliate). We also encourage applicants to use CFAR cores or link to CFAR scientific programs (see <http://depts.washington.edu/cfas/cfar/center/> for more information). Per NIH, we cannot fund clinical trials of new drugs or drug applications, but we can fund behavioral interventions. If you are considering a study involving approved drugs and/or standard-of-care, please contact Ann Collier ([acollier@u.washington.edu](mailto:acollier@u.washington.edu); 206-744-3293) to determine whether your proposed project would be eligible for funding through CFAR.

### Application Instructions

#### A. Application

**Use the PHS Form 398 (either 4/06 or 11/07 version) and NIH R01 format with the modifications listed below. No appendices are allowed. Do not submit Targeted/Planned Enrollment Tables. Submit a detailed budget, not a modular budget. The Research Plan (A-D) should be a maximum of 8-10 pages.**

1. Face page: (Form page 1)
2. Abstract page: (Form page 2)
3. Table of Contents: (Form page 3)
4. Detailed budget for 12 month period: (Form page 4)
5. Complete budget and justification: (Form page 5)
6. Biographical sketch for the NIA applicant only (including research support section C)
7. Resources
8. **Research Plan Suggested Length (total of no more than 10 pages)**
  - A. Specific aims--½-1 page
  - B. Background--1-2 pages
  - C. Preliminary studies--2-3 pages
  - D. Research design and methods--3-5 pages
  - E. Human subjects--as needed but aim for no more than 1 page
  - F. Vertebrate animals--as needed but aim for no more than 1 page
  - G. Literature cited--as needed

## B. Mentor's Statement

It is strongly recommended that applicants identify a mentor. A statement from the applicant's primary mentor that they have read and discussed the application with the applicant **must** accompany the application. This statement can be incorporated into the Letter of Support if appropriate (see Section C). Please note that a Mentoring Committee will be formed for successful applicants to provide guidance for their career development and to assess progress of each NIA awardee at least annually.

## C. Letters of Support

Letters of support from collaborators essential to the proposed project **must** accompany the application.

## D. Required Biostatistical Consultation

All applicants are required to discuss their proposal with one of CFAR's biostatisticians prior to/during the preparation of their application. This consultation is best done early in the preparation process but no later than February 22. Contact Sarah Holte at [sholte@fhcrc.org](mailto:sholte@fhcrc.org) or Li Qin at [lqin@scharp.org](mailto:lqin@scharp.org).

## E. Administrative Approvals

UW applicants do not need departmental, school, or Office of Sponsored Programs signatures. Applicants from other institutions should prepare and submit a NIH 398 face page, with concurrence from their institution's business official. Please note that the CFAR has negotiated indirect cost waivers from Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center. For more information, contact Susan Mello ([spmello@u.washington.edu](mailto:spmello@u.washington.edu); 206-744-2238). 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. Proposals involving either international sites or clinical research above minimal risk will require additional clearance from NIH prior to receipt of an award.

## F. Non-UW Applicants

Applicants from affiliated institutions **are required** to consult with the CFAR Administrative Director about their budgets **prior to the development of their proposal and no later than February 22**, to clarify budgetary issues. Contact Susan Mello at [spmello@u.washington.edu](mailto:spmello@u.washington.edu) or 206-744-2238. International applicants **must obtain approval that they have appropriate qualifications to apply prior to development of their proposal**. They should send a current NIH format biosketch or curriculum vitae for review to Ann Collier at [acollier@u.washington.edu](mailto:acollier@u.washington.edu) **no later than February 22, 2008**.

## G. Reviewer Suggestions

In a cover letter, list the names and affiliations of two non-conflicted potential reviewers (from UW or elsewhere).

## H. Interdisciplinary Applications

In a cover letter, the applicant must provide a rationale as to why the applicant considers the project to be interdisciplinary. For the purposes of this RFA, interdisciplinary is defined as involving 2 or more investigators that have differing areas of expertise or different research focuses.

## I. Resubmission of a Prior Application

If an applicant is resubmitting a revised version of a previous unsuccessful NIA application, they should include a response to the critique of the previous application and describe **briefly** what is different about the new application.

### Deadlines

Eligibility Determination for International Applicants:	February 22, 2008
Biostatistical Consultation:	February 22, 2008
Non-UW applicants Budgetary Consultation:	February 22, 2008
Application Due Date:	March 17, 2008

### Submission Instructions

Submit original plus **15 paper copies AND an electronic copy** (in 1 MS Word file via email) of the completed application **by 5pm PST, Friday March 17, 2008** to:

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Center for AIDS & STD  
Harborview Medical Center  
325 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Box 359931  
Seattle WA 98104-2499  
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### Questions?

Contact the CFAR Administrative Director, Susan Mello at 206-744-2238 or [spmello@u.washington.edu](mailto:spmello@u.washington.edu)