The vision of the UW/Fred Hutch CFAR is that we will make a meaningful global impact on the lives of people living with and at risk for HIV by providing to our 700+ multidisciplinary investigators across our institutions the most innovative and cutting edge expertise and technology, and fostering an enabling environment where the next generation of HIV research leaders will flourish and make tomorrow’s breakthrough discoveries.

The five themes in our vision statement shape our work:

• HIV is a global disease and knowledge, collaborations, and expertise from research translate across borders, from Seattle to low- and middle-income countries, and back.

• Multidisciplinary collaboration is a hallmark of our CFAR; we support basic, clinical, epidemiological, behavioral, translational, and implementation research to prevent, treat, and cure HIV and its comorbidities.

• We provide access to cutting-edge technologies in support of current and future NIH-defined priorities.

• Our CFAR provides a vigorous, supportive environment and added value to the HIV research and developmental efforts of our institutions through support of activities not provided through standard grant awards.

• Along with fostering career development of HIV investigators, we prioritize the development of the next generation of HIV research leaders.
Who We Are

The UW/Fred Hutch Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) is one of a network of 19 CFARs throughout the U.S. We have been funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) since 1988 to strengthen infrastructure at our consortium institutions (University of Washington, Fred Hutch, Seattle Children’s, Infectious Disease Research Institute) by providing services to HIV researchers, supporting junior faculty with pilot grants and new investigator awards, fostering cutting-edge research through emerging opportunity awards and specialized Scientific Working Groups, and a host of other crucial services. Our CFAR has over 700 members, composed of faculty, trainees, and research scientists. CFAR members are entitled to apply for funding opportunities and direct services.

Growth of CFAR Membership, 1988-2017

What We Do

The CFAR exists to provide access to advice, mentoring, and training; state-of-the-art technology and methodology, reagents, and services; and problem solving, collaboration, and funding. Our CFAR includes three Clinical Science Cores (Clinical Cohort and Comorbidity Research; Behavioral Science; Implementation Science), three Basic Science Cores (HIV-Associated Malignancies; Immunology; Retrovirology and Molecular Data Science), three cross-cutting Cores (Administrative; Developmental; Biometrics), and three Scientific Working Groups (Cure; Adolescent Health; eHealth).

Funding: The CFAR supports cutting-edge research and career development of new and early stage investigators through a variety of awards, such as:

- New Investigator Awards encourage new investigators to conduct independent research, acquire preliminary data, receive mentorship, and write grants to obtain funding to continue their research careers ($45K-$55K per award).
- Mentored International Investigator Awards provide mentorship and grant support to prepare international investigators for independent research ($20K per year for up to 2 years).
- International Infrastructure Awards can be used to renovate facilities and purchase supplies and equipment that contribute to the execution, efficiency and development of international research projects ($10K per award).
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- Investment of Catalytic Funds to Access Resources Awards leverage existing CFAR services, data, and/or specimen ($15K per award).
- Localizing Global Research (Glocal) Pilot Awards are to translate knowledge, collaborations, and expertise from research conducted in LMIC into projects that aim to benefit communities in Washington State ($15K per award).
- International Pilot Awards are for development and implementation of innovative and collaborative research projects in developing countries ($15K per award).
- International Infrastructure Awards can be used to renovate facilities and purchase supplies and equipment that contribute to the execution, efficiency and development of international research projects ($10K per award).
- Trainee Support Grants help fund a variety of career development activities for students, fellows, and junior faculty ($1K per award).

Events: The CFAR supports a number of events, most of which are webcast and recorded, such as seminars on HIV research findings, half- or full-day symposia, research methods workshops, junior investigator mentoring groups, and annual courses.

Services: CFAR Cores and SWGs provide services that are quality-controlled, cost-effective and convenient. Go to our website at cfar.washington.edu or contact cfar@uw.edu to access services:

- Consultations with CFAR faculty and staff, including areas such as biostatistics, behavioral science, and implementation science
- Clinical data, patient recruitment, specimen collection, and a specimen repository
- Basic sciences support, including immunologic, molecular, computational research support and tools
- Use of laboratory space and equipment to perform experiments
- Additional training in a wide variety of HIV research areas

Community Action Board: A group of key stakeholders in the community serve in an advisory capacity, providing a community perspective on important issues in HIV research. Their mission is to encourage communication and build bi-directional trustworthy collaborations between CFAR researchers and community members and community-based organizations to enhance local, national, and international prevention, treatment, and education activities.

Don’t forget to acknowledge the CFAR and assistance by its Cores and SWGs in your publications, abstracts, grant proposals, and presentations using grant number P30 AI027757.

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