Investment of Catalytic Fund to Access Resources (iCFAR)

(A Core Services Voucher System)
Purpose

To encourage investigators, especially junior or new to CFAR, to access CFAR services, data, and/or specimens for short-term innovative HIV-related pilot projects that will likely generate sufficient data for subsequent applications for future research funding.

*These grants are intended to fund services in excess of what can routinely be provided by a Core.*
Eligibility

- PI must be a:
  - Faculty member OR
  - Senior post-doctoral fellow OR
  - Scientist at a UW/Fred Hutch CFAR affiliated institution

- Applicants must have an MD or PhD or equivalent terminal degree
- PI must be a UW/Fred Hutch CFAR Member (can join as applying)
- Projects must be completed within one year
Types of Project

NIH High Priority HIV Topics
• Reducing HIV incidence
• Next generation of HIV therapies (better safety, easier to use)
• Research toward a cure
• Co-morbidities, co-infections & complications
• Cross cutting areas
  - Basic research
  - Research to reduce health disparities (incidence or in treatment outcomes)
  - Research training

NIH Medium Priority HIV Topics
• Examines fundamental scientific questions
• Includes PLWH, exposed to HIV, &/or at elevated risk for HIV infection
• Addresses health & social issues
• HIV/AIDS outcomes/endpoints
• Results will advance HIV treatment or prevention and/or provide tools/techniques and/or capacity beneficial to HIV research
Funding Amount

Up to $15,000 direct costs per project

The funds are intended mainly to be used to support a CFAR Core’s services for the project.

Up to 25% of the budget can be used to support costs essential for the project that are not part of a Core’s services.
Review Criteria

- Scientific merit
- Potential for the data to support a future grant application
- Potential overall impact (on the field or CFAR or applicant’s career)
Deadlines

Required Core Consultation Deadline: **May 15, 2020**

Application Deadline: **May 22, 2020**
Other Comments

- Cores can *encourage* specific applicants
- Brief on-line application
- Virtual review by non-conflicted scientific members of the CFAR Executive Committee
Thank you!

Questions or Comments?