

**University of Washington / Fred Hutch  
Center for AIDS Research (CFAR)**

**2026 Request for Applications (RFA)  
International Infrastructure Awards (IIAs)**

<b>Key Deadlines</b>	<b>Date</b>
RFA Release Date	April 1, 2026
Applications Due	June 26, 2026

See the following pages for a description of the award program and application process.

## **International Infrastructure Awards (IIAs)**

### Purpose

Infrastructure awards are designed to build capacity for UW/Fred Hutch CFAR international HIV research activities. The awards generally benefit multiple studies and/or investigators within a single research site. They can be used to renovate facilities and purchase supplies and equipment that contribute to the execution, efficiency and development of research projects.

### Eligibility

This opportunity **is open to all eligible persons regardless of race, sex, or other identity.**

Applicants must:

- 1) Be a UW/Fred Hutch CFAR [member](#)
- 2) Have an MD or PhD or equivalent terminal degree (includes an MBChB).
- 3) Have an appropriate affiliation, as follows:
  - (a) Be appointed at, or being recruited to, a UW/Fred Hutch CFAR affiliate institution (University of Washington, Fred Hutch, Seattle Children's, University of Hawai'i at Manoa), **OR**
  - (b) Be appointed at an institution located in an [Eligible Low or Middle Income Country](#), regardless of citizenship or national origin, **and** have a primary mentor appointed at a US-based UW/Fred Hutch CFAR affiliate (University of Washington, Fred Hutch, Seattle Children's, University of Hawai'i at Manoa).

### Types of Projects

We encourage applications for items that are **not readily purchased on a typical research grant** and that **promote collaborative and innovative HIV research**. Past awards have included a back-up generator at a research clinic, classroom renovations and security improvements, statistical software, IT equipment for distance learning, laboratory equipment and data management supplies. Priority will be given to projects that can demonstrate local institutional support, either through matching funds or in-kind support. All projects must be completed within one year of approval.

**Please note that due to recent NIH funding restrictions, we cannot accept infrastructure requests to South African research sites at this time.** If you have any questions or concerns about your request, please contact [cfardev@uw.edu](mailto:cfardev@uw.edu).

Explore [past CFAR International Infrastructure Awards](#).

### Funding Available

Direct costs: Up to \$10,000 per project. Per revised NIH guidelines, funding for minor alterations and renovations at international sites is allowable. **Funding cannot be applied to new construction or activities that would change the "footprint" of an existing facility (e.g., relocation of existing exterior walls, roofs, or floors, attachment of fire escapes), indirect costs/F&A, salary support or computers.**

### Review Criteria

1. Value added to existing research projects
2. Need (and lack of other sources to fund the request)
3. Collaborative benefit for multiple projects
4. Relationship to UW/Fred Hutch CFAR affiliate institution (University of Washington, Fred Hutch, Seattle Children's, University of Hawai'i at Manoa)
5. Relevance to affected populations
6. Potential for new collaborations & research projects
7. Local institutional support

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.

#### Pre-Award Requirements

Per NIH policy, UW/Fred Hutch CFAR may not release funds for international awards until awardees complete the NIH administrative clearance process. This process often takes several months, so please consider it in your timeline. For more information on NIH requirements for international studies, please see the [NIH Information for Foreign Grants](#) page.

**\*\*Projects that are unable to complete the NIH clearance process within one year of award date are at risk of losing funding\*\***


All applicants are required to be UW/Fred Hutch CFAR Members. Information about membership can be found on the [CFAR website](#) or by contacting [cfar@uw.edu](mailto:cfar@uw.edu).

#### Post-Award Requirements

All recipients must provide a one-page report detailing how their grant was applied. Photographs of the item in use are required. All manuscripts or publications resulting from CFAR support should acknowledge CFAR (P30 AI027757). For suggested wording, see [CFAR Acknowledgement](#).

#### Application Instructions

Complete the [CFAR IIA Application Submission Form](#) by **June 26, 2026**, using the application template below. Individual application sections may be expanded, but the overall proposal should not be more than **3 pages** in length. Applicants are **required** to also submit their biosketch and quotes from vendors to support the requested amounts in the budget.

	<b>UW/Fred Hutch Center for AIDS Research 2026 International Infrastructure Award Application Form</b>
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<b>Principal Investigator</b>		
Name:		
Academic Title:		
Primary Institution/Organization:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Fax:	Email:

<b>UW/Fred Hutch CFAR Faculty Partner (if external applicant)</b>		
Name and Title:		
Organization:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Fax:	Email:

**Please describe the site and circumstance necessitating the proposed activities:**

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**Detailed Description of Proposed Actions, including information on local institutional support:**

**How will the activities impact the international site?**

**Please list UW/Fred Hutch CFAR linked projects and researchers that will utilize the infrastructure:**

PI	Title	Grant Number	Grant Source (NIH, etc)

**What are other potential funding sources for your project? If none, please explain briefly.**

**Budget:**

Item	US Dollar Amount
<b>Total</b>	

**\*\*Attach a copy of your biosketch and vendor quotes to support your budget.\*\***

**Submit your application using the [CFAR IIA Application Submission Form](#) by June 26, 2026, at 11:59pm PDT. Please be prepared to provide the following information:**

1. Principal Investigator Name (Last, First)
2. Email
3. CFAR Membership Status
  - a. I am a CFAR member.
  - b. I have completed the CFAR membership form and am awaiting confirmation.
4. Upload Application (single PDF (preferred) or **MS Word file**), including biosketch and vendor quotes to support your budget.