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SAN DIEGO | CENTER FOR AIDS RESEARCH

DEVELOPMENTAL CORE SERVICES

Let us help you take your research to the next level!

The Developmental (Dev) Core of the San Diego Center for AIDS Research (SD CFAR) has been helping scientists *develop* their careers since 1994. We offer

- Funding opportunities
- Grant application reviews
- Mock study sections
- Writing workshops
- Twice-weekly seminar series

See how we can help you get the funding and publications you deserve.

HIV research success starts here!

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Funding Opportunities

Developmental grants: Twice per year, in June and December, we offer Developmental grants. Awards top out at $50,000 for one year for investigators with no R01 or equivalent NIH funding, and $30,000 for those who have more experience. Applications are welcome on virtually any high-priority HIV research topic, as established by the Office of AIDS Research. Additional weight is given to proposals addressing aspects of the President's Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative. We are prohibited from supporting clinical trials or providing salary to postdoctoral fellows. Otherwise, the sky's the limit.
Online: https://cfar.ucsd.edu/en/grants/developmental-grants/

International Pilot grants: These awards are also offered twice per year, in April and October. They are managed by the SD CFAR International Core (IC), and we provide the funding—up to $40,000 for one year. The difference is you need to work with an investigator in one of seven countries, and that person needs to be the PI. The purpose of these awards is to train unfunded HIV researchers in Mexico, Mozambique, Brazil, India, South Africa, Kyrgyzstan, and Ukraine in working with NIH requirements, with the expectation that they will earn their own R01 funding. You would serve as the SD CFAR Collaborator, a required position for these grants. Don't ignore this opportunity! Many Collaborators have earned valuable NIH funding as a result of International Pilot grant research.
Online: https://cfar.ucsd.edu/en/grants/international-pilot/

Administrative Supplements are NIH awards offered to all Centers for AIDS Research. They are usually offered before June of each year and often have rapid due dates. These supplements are highly competitive opportunities to explore topics of particular interest to the NIH. Awards are typically in the $100,000 – $200,000 range for one year. We announce the awards and application instructions as quickly as possible and the SD CFAR Administrative Core will help you with budgets, internal reviews, and submissions.
Online: https://cfar.ucsd.edu/en/grants/administrative-supplements/

Next Generation awards: ***Yes!*** An award designed for postdoctoral fellows! If you are supported by a T32, D43, or R25 award, you can apply for a $10,000 Next Generation award to collect critical data in support of your first Career Development Award (CDA, K series) proposal. Next Generation awards are specifically for data collection and can't be used for salary, travel, or any services provided by your current training grant. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis until the budget for these awards has been allocated.
Online: https://cfar.ucsd.edu/en/grants/next-generation/

High-Impact Microgrants: Need that last bit of data for your new or revised R01 application? Almost done on your CDA when your mentor asks a "what about" question? A $3,000 High-Impact Microgrant can help you collect data, perform an extra analysis, or strengthen a new research collaboration. These awards cannot be used for salary or travel. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis until the budget for these awards have been allocated.
Online: https://cfar.ucsd.edu/en/grants/high-impact-microgrants/

Learning Opportunities

O-K Reviews: NIH grant applications are nerve racking, especially for young investigators. You know your science but maybe the hypothesis or statistics need strengthening. And what about the reviewers? What do they want? The Dev Core's O-K Review team can help! A team of young investigators and an experienced statistician will review your application and suggest improvements through written feedback and an in-person, mock NIH study section. Every applicant is also a reviewer, so you will learn by doing! The O-K Review Team is led by HIV experts in basic, clinical, behavioral, and translational science. Three meetings per year are scheduled around the NIH AIDS application due dates, and schedules are announced weeks in advance. We can help you with your CDA K applications as well as F and R mechanisms.
Online: https://cfar.ucsd.edu/en/grants/o-k-review/

More Learning Opportunities

OWLs

Not enough time to write? We know. Need to vet your ideas but can't stand another email? We get it. Organized Writing League (OWL) meetings hosted by the Dev Core give you and your colleagues protected time to write, share ideas, and review one another's abstracts, slides, posters, manuscripts, grant proposals, and progress reports. Offered in advance of major abstract due dates, and periodically as the need arises, OWLs are informal gatherings where you can write, revise, ask questions, and document your findings with confidence.
Online: https://cfar.ucsd.edu/en/grants/grantwriting/owl/

Retrovirus Seminar Series

Postdoctoral fellows, trainees, and investigators of all levels gather in Room 344 of the Stein Clinical Research Building at UC San Diego almost every Wednesday and Friday throughout the year. Wednesdays, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., are for Work-in-Progress (WiP), in which current HIV-related projects are presented for evaluation and critique. Fridays, from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., are for Journal Club (JC), featuring critical analyses of recent scientific papers, usually related to HIV. All are welcome to attend either or both weekly seminars. Email cfar@ucsd.edu to join our listserv and receive regular announcements.
Online: https://cfar.ucsd.edu/en/meetings/retrovirus-seminar-series/

Want to join us?

Are you on faculty at one of these institutions?

- UC San Diego
- VA San Diego Healthcare System
- Scripps Research
- La Jolla Institute for Immunology
- Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute

If so, we welcome you to join the SD CFAR at the ***full membership*** level, which entitles you to discounted rates on many of our Center's services as well as frequent updates on our funding, learning, and other opportunities.

Not on faculty? Not at the above institutions? Not a problem! Join us as a ***community member!*** You'll receive the same announcements and invitations as full members but no discounts and fewer funding opportunities.
Online: https://cfar.ucsd.edu/en/who-we-are/membership/