CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Herbert Wertheim School of Public Health and Human Longevity Science and San Diego Center for AIDS Research

Collaborative Developmental Grant

OVERVIEW

The Herbert Wertheim School of Public Health and Human Longevity Science (HWSPH) and the San Diego Center for AIDS Research (SD CFAR) are jointly offering a Developmental Grant that addresses intersecting areas of public health and HIV/AIDS research.

This opportunity is designed for the dual purpose of fostering synergistic research initiatives between public health and HIV/AIDS investigators and to support collaborations between senior and junior investigators in these fields. Research projects may be based in the U.S. or in most international settings. The period of performance for funded projects is one year from the date of final approval.

One proposal for up to $100,000 will be awarded during this funding cycle. Applicants must adhere to several criteria and submissions will undergo a comprehensive review process.

RESEARCH PRIORITIES

Applications must address at least one HWSPH and at least one NIH HIV/AIDS research priority. Additional priorities from each collaborating entity may be included if the proposed research adequately supports all foci.

NIH HIV/AIDS Priorities
- Reduce incidence of HIV
- Develop next-generation HIV therapies
- Research toward an HIV cure
- HIV-associated comorbidities, coinfections, and complications
- Cross-cutting areas, including:
  - Basic sciences
  - Behavioral and social sciences
  - Epidemiology
  - Implementation science
  - Information dissemination
  - Research training

HWSPH Priorities
- Healthy aging and longevity science
- Health services research
- Climate and environmental health
- Global health justice and health equity
- Mental health and substance use

WEBSITE
EMAIL
Investigator Criteria: Applications will have a minimum of two investigators: an early stage investigator with a faculty appointment but no prior or current R01 or equivalent funding, and a senior research partner who is an established investigator with independent NIH funding at or above the R01 level. One investigator must be affiliated with the HWSPH, and the other, a member of SD CFAR. Either investigator may submit the application. Projects that feature an investigator who has not been awarded HIV research funding at the time of LOI submission will present a stronger application.

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Exclusions: Developmental grants cannot support clinical trials, nor can they support any studies involving new drugs, new treatments, new devices, or off-label use of a licensed drug. Postdoctoral fellows may not receive salary or serve as PIs on these applications.

Requirements
Applications must meet eligibility and exclusion requirements as stated above and must submit a Letter of Intent to apply by March 3, 2023. Letter of Intent submissions should use the provided form. Applicants whose LOIs are approved will be notified by March 15, 2023 and invited to submit a full proposal. Full proposals are due by April 12, 2023 by 5 pm PT and awardees will be notified by May 26, 2023. The earliest project start date is July 1, 2023.

LOIs will include:
- Investigator information: Identify the early stage investigator and senior research partner by name, including academic credentials, position titles, and overview of each person’s expertise.
- High-level project description: Summarize your proposed research in one paragraph or less.
- HWSPH and HIV/AIDS priorities: Identify which research priorities will be addressed by your proposed research.
- HWSPH and SD CFAR resources: Identify which HWSPH services or SD CFAR service cores you plan to use to develop your application and/or conduct the proposed research.
- Plans for future funding: Briefly outline your plans to apply for future funding using the results of your proposed research.

Review Criteria
Applications will be reviewed by a committee and scored based on the applicability to HWSPH and NIH HIV/AIDS research priorities, innovation, research partnership between the early stage and senior investigator, and feasibility with respect to completing the project and obtaining future funding. Applications with at least one investigator who has not been awarded HIV research funding to date will be weighed more heavily during review.

More Information
For additional information, please visit the program website at https://cfar.ucsd.edu/en/grants/developmental-grants/hwsph/. Email cfar@ucsd.edu for more information or to inquire about an international project.