**SAN DIEGO CENTER FOR AIDS RESEARCH**

**DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT**

**APPLICANT GOALS AND MENTORING PLAN**

***Required for applicants who have not yet earned NIH R01 or equivalent funding.***

Please tell us how this grant—if awarded—will help you further your career in HIV research. If you already have a comprehensive mentoring plan on file, you may upload it instead of this document. If not, please discuss the following with the mentor who will assist you during and after this Developmental grant. Please limit this document no more than **three pages.**

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| **How will this project benefit your career?**What will you learn from this research that will support your career in the next two to five years? |
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| **What new skills will you acquire through this project?**Examples may include instruction in lab equipment, software, statistical analysis, research methods, study design and implementation, writing (this Developmental grant application, protocols, informed consents, conference abstracts, manuscripts, NIH grant submissions), and any other technical or leadership skills that will benefit your career. |
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| **How well does your mentor understand your needs?**Does your mentor publish and have grant funding in the same or related topic as your proposed research? Does your mentor understand your potential, your strengths and your areas needing improvement? Does your mentor have previous mentoring experience? |
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| **How will your mentor help you acquire your new skill set?** Will you meet in person or online? How frequently? Will there be formal classroom or online instruction? Hands-on training? Field work? Will your mentor facilitate introductions to persons or groups that can further your research and career? How will you and your mentor measure successful skill acquisition?  |
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| **How will you use the results of your research if funded?**What conference abstracts or manuscripts are planned and when? What NIH grant submissions and when? How else will you use these results? |
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| **How will you proceed if your application is not funded?** For example, you may have the option to revise and resubmit. You may choose to continue working with your mentor or find a new one. You may choose to strengthen the above skills or learn new ones. You may choose to apply for different grants. You may always reach out to the SD CFAR Developmental Core for guidance. We are here to help! *Think about how you can repurpose the time and effort you devoted to this application.* |
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