



RESEARCH GRANT OPPORTUNITIES Mentored Fellowship Awards



CFAR
CENTER FOR AIDS RESEARCH
University of California Los Angeles

Mentored Fellowship

The UCLA AIDS Institute/Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) are accepting applications to fund mentored fellowship supplements for postdoctoral and graduate students working in HIV/AIDS. These seed grants will be funded by the UCLA AI/CFAR and other private sources.

Funding level: \$5,000

Deadline for receipt of Letters of Intent: October 2, 2017

Applicants whose Letters of Intent are favorably reviewed will be invited to submit a formal proposal. Formal proposals will then be due by **December 11, 2017**.

The project period will be two years, with the earliest start date of February 2018

Investigator Eligibility: Applicants must have a full-time UCLA postdoctoral or fellowship appointment, or be a graduate student.

Funding Criteria

- Grants will provide supplements for training support to graduate students and postdoctoral students.
- Funds may be used for supplies, equipment, travel or salary. If used for salary, funds are intended to supplement salary but not to increase salary.
- Research should be in an [NIH high priority research area of HIV/AIDS](#)
- Although IRB approval is not required prior to application, release of funding will be contingent on receipt of IRB approval for proposed project.
- Please note that human subjects younger than 18 are classified as children (per NIH guidelines) and additional approvals such as informed consent will be required before funding can be released.
- No indirect costs may be included.
- This mechanism is for **domestic** projects only.
- Grants will be peer reviewed by committee.
- Progress reports and end of project reports will be required.
- All successful seed grant recipients will be required to serve as peer reviewers in subsequent funding rounds.
- Applicants must identify a mentor, and if the LOI is accepted, the formal proposal must include a letter from the mentor in support of the applicant. Letters should address the qualifications of the applicant, role of the mentor, support(s) provided for the applicant by the mentor's overall research program.
- Proposals should outline clearly how research funded by the seed grant could be translated into a larger project, particularly an NIH R01 level grant, an R34, an R21 or equivalent funded by a non-governmental source (e.g. amfAR, CIRM, pharmaceutical company, or private foundation).
- Evidence of investigator productivity will be considered during the review. This includes, but is not limited to evidence of ongoing application for outside funding by PI, funding received as a result of any previous CFAR pilot project, PI publication record especially if applicant is a previous CFAR pilot project recipient.

CFAR core facilities are available, on a recharge basis, in these areas: virology, cytometry, humanized mice, gene and cellular therapy, biostatistics, mucosal immunology, and clinical research facilitation (IRB and patient registry). For contact information, please see <http://aidsinstitute.ucla.edu/cfar>

Instructions for Letters of Intent

Letters of intent must be no longer than 2 pages, and must include the following:

- Your name, degrees, and full contact information (email, phone, mailing address)
- Brief summary of the proposed research project

- Brief summary of your experience conducting similar research
- Total amount of funding requested
- Must also include NIH biosketch (does not count towards the 2 page limit)

Letters of intent must be received no later than 4:00 pm on **October 2, 2017**. They can be sent via post *or* email to:
UCLA AIDS Institute, 10940 Wilshire Blvd., Ste 960, Los Angeles, CA 90024, *aidsinst@ucla.edu*

Instructions for formal proposals will then be forwarded to applicants whose letters of intent are approved. Formal proposals will then be due **no later than 4:00pm on December 11, 2017**.

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