SPOTLIGHTING 4 HIV/AIDS Research Requests for Proposals

The Harvard University Center for AIDS Research is pleased to announce the following Requests for Proposals in HIV/AIDS research!

**Early Career Investigators in HIV/AIDS Research RFP**

The Early Career Investigators RFP seeks proposals from researchers who are on a path leading to an independent research project. One-year and two-year proposals which address an NIH high or medium priority research area will be considered. Research proposals involving monkeypox in the context of HIV are encouraged. Note that K award recipients are not eligible to apply for a two-year award.

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion RFP**

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion RFP seeks to support investigators from underrepresented groups. One-year and two-year proposals which address an NIH high or medium priority research area will be considered. Early career investigators who are transitioning to independent funding, as well as other investigators without prior HIV-related R01-level funding, are eligible to apply.

**HIV and the Placenta Research RFP**

The HIV and the Placenta RFP seeks proposals for research focused on the impact of HIV, coinfections, and antiretroviral medications on placental biology and health outcomes in children who are HIV-exposed but uninfected. Early career investigators who are transitioning to independent funding, as well as other investigators without prior HIV-related R01-level funding, are eligible to apply.

**THE HU CFAR MONKEYPOX RAPID RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM** seeks to support and catalyze rapid response research at Harvard University and its affiliated institutions focused on the emerging monkeypox epidemic, in the context of HIV.

Read the announcement >>

**UPCOMING CFAR EVENTS**

**REGISTER TODAY!**

**HU CFAR GRAND ROUNDS:** Implementing evidence-informed interventions to improve health outcomes for people living with HIV: the
E2i initiative
September 12, 2022 (2 – 3 PM ET)

Lessons learned from a four-year HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau initiative.

Guest speakers: Alex S. Keuroghlian, MD, MPH; Sari Reisner, ScD; Greg Millett, MPH. The discussion will be moderated by Dr. Ken Mayer.

Annual HU CFAR Scientific Symposium: Updates at the Intersection of Substance Use and HIV Treatment and Prevention Research
Sept, 29, 2022 (9–12pm ET)

Register and save the date >>
Sponsored by the HU CFAR Substance Use & HIV Scientific Working Group

The Inaugural Inter-CFAR Mycobacteria Symposium: A hybrid, synergistic symposium focused on the intersection of clinical and research topics in TB, non-tuberculous mycobacteria, and TB/HIV co-infection. Co-sponsored w/ Providence/Boston Center for AIDS Research (CFAR)
Oct 6, 2022 (1 – 5PM)

Register and save the date >>

HU CFAR RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Wednesday, September 7 (4 – 5PM ET)
First Wednesdays: HU CFAR Bio-behavioral & Community Science Core Research in Development
Exploring Engagement in Prenatal Care among Women Living with HIV in South Africa: A Proposed Grant Application presented by Liz Waldron, PhD

Friday, September 23 (8 – 9AM ET)
HU CFAR HIV Research in Development
Title/Zoom info TBA presented by Amir Mohareb, MD

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, and INCLUSION INITIATIVES

SURVEY: Identities within the HU CFAR community and membership in the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Working Group

This brief survey has two goals. First, to help us better understand how our community members self-identify; this information will be utilized to help direct our growth toward increasing diversity as well as learn who may be eligible for specific opportunities and initiatives within the CFAR. Second, it serves as an invitation to join the DEI Working Group's efforts to support recruitment, inclusion, and retention of investigators who are underrepresented in medicine as we seek to expand educational and outreach programs for communities affected by the HIV epidemic. Meetings occur monthly and members have the opportunity to develop and participate in multiple areas of interest.

Go to the survey!

HIV/AIDS NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES
New NIH CFAR Adelante RFA
The DC and Emory CFARs have announced the 2023 Adelante RFA. This is an exciting opportunity to promote the mentored development of early-career investigators who focus on HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and care in Latina/x/o communities.

Visit the Adelante website >> & View the RFA >>

Catalyst Award for Early-Stage Investigators (ESIs) Pursuing Research on HIV Comorbidities, Coinfections, and Complications (DP1 – Clinical Trial Optional)

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) supports research from creative early stage investigators who propose highly innovative, pioneering studies with potential to open new areas of HIV/AIDS research related to coinfections, comorbidities, and complications. Projects should reflect new and novel scientific directions that are distinct from concepts and approaches being pursued in the investigator’s research program or elsewhere. Projects must be consistent with the scientific priorities outlined by the NIH Office of AIDS Research (OAR). These priorities have been described most recently in NOT-OD-20-018.

Call for Abstracts: "Understanding Challenges and Optimizing Outcomes of Children with Perinatal HIV Exposure"
Manuscripts are sought for science, programming, or commentary about children and adolescents living with HIV, as well as those with perinatal exposure who remain uninfected. Abstracts are due to JIAS on 30-Sep–22. Authors of abstracts selected will be notified by 10-Oct–22. Full manuscripts would be due for peer review no later than 25-Jan–23. The peer review would begin thereafter with a publication date for the supplement in November of 2023. A PDF about the supplement call can be found at: https://www.iasociety.org/sites/default/files/callforabstracts_JIAS_2023Supplement.pdf

HIV Persistence During Therapy: Reservoirs & Eradication Strategies Workshop
December 13 – 16, 2022
The 10th International Workshop on HIV Persistence during Therapy is scheduled to be live on December 13–16, 2022, at the Marriott Biscayne Bay Hotel in Miami.

View the preliminary program >>

Harvard-Affiliated Hospitals Residency Programs Showcase
September 10, 2022 (2 – 5 PM ET)
Read more >>

BIOSTATISTICS TRAINING FALL 2022
Read more >>

A detailed description of the course, including the course syllabus, can be found on the Ragon Biostatistics webpage.
2nd National Meeting for Research and Community Collaboration
Towards "Ending the HIV Epidemic in the US"
September 15, 2022
@ Birmingham, AL (virtual & in–person)
www.uab.edu/medicine/cfar/ehe-home
Print the Agenda!

HOW DO PEOPLE TREAT YOU: Recruiting Participants for a Research Study

About the study: The objective of this study is to improve survey questions about how people living with HIV are treated in society. We are looking for both Spanish and English speaking people living with HIV to participate in an approximately 1-hour Zoom interview. Participants will be compensated $75 for their time.

Acerca de este estudio: El objetivo de este estudio es mejorar las preguntas de la encuesta sobre cómo se trata a las personas que viven con el VIH en la sociedad. Los participantes participarán en una entrevista virtual a través de Zoom. La entrevista durará aproximadamente 1 hora y los participantes recibirán $ 75 por su tiempo. Por favor comparta el folleto adjunto con cualquier persona (18 años o más) que considere que podría estar interesada en participar.

Inter–CFAR Fellowship Program in Implementation Science (2022–2023)
Please refer to JHU–CFAR (hopkinscfar.org) for details and check back periodically for updates.

Interested applicants should apply online by September 11th 2022, 11:59 pm EDT at:
https://jhsph.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2sKuHQIor8xf2Z0

The International Workshop on HIV & Aging 2022
October 13 and 14, 2022
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Seeking input from stakeholders in HIV/STI care
The University of Michigan School of Public Health and the Florida International University are seeking input on a web app they designed and pilot tested to help same–gender masculine couples make decisions about using different HIV/STI prevention strategies in their relationship.

To learn more about the study, you or your staff can email me directly at iubong@umich.edu, or call/text 810–584–5962. Click here to determine eligibility!
Join @SariReisner and Greg Millett as they discuss the findings of E2i, a #HRSA-funded implementation science evaluation of best practices to improve #HIV care outcomes for key populations, led by Alex Keuroghlian of @Fenwayhealth

Applying lessons learned from a 4-yr HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau initiative #HIVhealth #TransgenderHealth #Black #MSM #CureAIDS #HIVPolicy @FenwayHealth @BIDMChealth @BostonChildrens @HarvardMed @HarvardChanSPH @amfAR @khmayer1 @SariReisner Register today at conta.co/3KzGneg

Current HIV/SIV Reservoir Assays for Preclinical and Clinical Applications – Recommendations from the Experts

View the agenda >>

For registration info, please contact Dr. Brigitte Sanders, sandersbe@niaid.nih.gov

The Office for Policy in Clinical Research Operations (OPCRO), DAIDS is pleased to announce that the Glossary of Division of AIDS Clinical Research Policy Terms has been updated. The glossary can be found at https://www.niaid.nih.gov/research/daids-clinical-research-glossary.

Allosteric Integrase Inhibitor Influences on HIV-1 Integration and Roles of LEDGF/p75 and HDGFL2 Host Factors
**Epidemiological and viral characteristics of undiagnosed HIV infections in Botswana**
Lynnette Bhebhe, Sikhulile Moyo, Simani Gaseitsiwe, Molly Pretorius–Holme, Etienne K. Yankinda, Kutlo Manyake, Coulson Kgathi, Mompati Mmalane, Refeletswe Lebelonyane, Tendani Gaolathe, Pamela Bachanas, Faith Ussery, Mpho Letebele, Joseph Makhema, Kathleen E. Wirth, **Shahin Lockman**, Max Essex, Vlad Novitsky & Manon Ragonet–Cronin

**Multi-level Factors Driving Pre-exposure Prophylaxis Non-initiation Among Young Women at High Risk for HIV in Kenya**
Ingrid T Katz, Kenneth Njue, Kevin Kamolloh, Valley Ogello, Moses Okombo, Nicholas B Thuo, Esther Owino, Lindsey E Garrison, Yeonsoo S Lee, Maria F Nardell, Chiemelie Anyacheblu, Elizabeth Bukusi, Nelly Mugo, Jared M Baeten, **Jessica E Haberer**, MPYA Study team

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

**NIH**

**NOT–AI–22–056 Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Opportunities for HIV Cure Interventions at the Time of ART Initiation**

NIDA has just published a set of HIV/DA FOAs designed under the *Racial Equity Initiative/National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).* Please distribute to all who may be interested. Thank you!

**RFA–DA–23–024: NIDA REI: Reaching Equity at the Intersection of HIV and Substance Use: Novel Approaches to Address HIV Related Health Disparities in Underserved Racial/Ethnic Populations** *(R34 Clinical Trial Optional) (nih.gov)*

**RFA–DA–23–023: NIDA REI: Reaching Equity at the Intersection of HIV and Substance Use: Novel Approaches to Address HIV Related Health Disparities in Underserved Racial/Ethnic Populations** *(R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (nih.gov)*


**RFA–DA–23–025: NIDA REI: Coordination Center to Support Racial Equity and Substance Use Disparities Research** *(U24 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) (nih.gov)*

**Molecular Dynamics of HIV**

**RFA–AI–22–050** *(R01, Clinical Trial Not Allowed)*

**Accelerating the Pace of Drug Abuse Research Using Existing Data**

**RFA–DA–22–037** *(R01 Clinical Trial Optional)*

**RFA–DA–22–038** *(R21 Clinical Trial Optional)*

**Navigating the NIH Grant Application Process**

**NIH Notices Pertaining to HIV/AIDS**

**Notice of Expiration of NOT–HL–19–677** "Notice of Special Interest SEARCH: Stimulating Exploratory Research on HIV/AIDS Contribution to Heart, Lung, Blood and Sleep Comorbidities (R01 – Clinical Trial Not Allowed)"

**NOSI: Research to Prevent Drug Use, Misuse and Addiction**

**NOT–DA–23–001**

**OTHER USEFUL LINKS:**

- Search all NIH funding opportunities and notices
- Subscribe to NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts weekly emails
- @NIAIDFunding
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