RESEARCH GRANT OPPORTUNITIES
International Research for HIV/AIDS

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CENTER FOR AIDS RESEARCH
University of California Los Angeles

The UCLA AIDS Institute, the UCLA CFAR and UCLA Center for World Health are accepting seed grant proposals to fund global HIV prevention, clinical, and policy research. The objective is to provide pilot funding for projects that foster collaboration between UCLA and scientists from high-priority developing countries, in order to stimulate research in these countries.

Funding level: $25,000 to $50,000 (*a total of $50,000 is available for 1-2 grants*)

Proposals due by **4pm** on Monday **October 1, 2012**.

The project period will be one year, with the earliest start date of <u>November 1, 2012</u>.

Investigator Eligibility
Applicants are strongly encouraged to confirm eligibility as an investigator and the eligibility of your proposal as early as possible prior to submission. You may do so by contacting Greg Szekeres at gszekeres@mednet.ucla.edu.

Investigators applying for seed grants must be:
- Faculty or fellow (to be appointed to faculty), at UCLA, affiliated institution, or collaborating community-based organization
- An emerging fellow (to be appointed to faculty) OR an established faculty member who wants to move toward a new area in international HIV research

Note that dissertations are not eligible for this RFA.

Funding Criteria
- Focus is on international (developing country) prevention, clinical, and policy research for HIV/AIDS. Prevention is broadly defined to include social, behavioral, biomedical, or health services research. Basic science studies of novel preventive strategies (eg, vaccines, therapeutics, microbicides) are also encouraged. Secondary data analyses are also acceptable.
- Foster development of collaboration between UCLA and in-country institutions.
- Provide evidence of existing projects on which to build, as well as how the work will interface with other existing projects.
- Outline clearly how research funded by the seed grant can be translated into a larger project, particularly an NIH R01 grant or Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Award (R21).
- Must agree to have projects monitored and mentored by the AIDS Institute and the UCLA Center for World Health. A mentor/monitor will be assigned to each grant to ensure that it moves along on schedule and that progress is made toward submission of a larger multi-year grant to an extramural funding agency.
- Although IRB approval is not required prior to application, release of funding will be contingent on receipt of IRB approval for proposed project.
- No indirect costs may be included.
- Grant applications will be reviewed by a peer review committee.
- Mid-year progress report and end-of-project report will be required.
- Priority will be given to research conducted in the following countries (*other countries will be considered if justification is included*):

Brazil	Ghana	Middle East/North Africa (MENA)	Tanzania
Cambodia	India	Mozambique	Thailand
Cameroon	Kenya	Namibia	Uganda
Caribbean region	Malawi	Peru	Vietnam
China	Mexico	South Africa	Zimbabwe

Instructions

Applications must be submitted using standard PHS 398 format; applications must adhere to format and instructions as given in the PHS 398 Instruction Files. (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html)

Specifically, the following forms must be submitted:

- Form Page 1: Face Page
  http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/fp1.doc

- Form Page 2: Description, Performance Sites, Key Personnel, Other Significant Contributors, and Human Embryonic Stem Cells
  http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/fp2.doc

  *Note: Unlike NIH grants, provide the abstract in lay language.
  Some grants are funded by private foundations or individuals who have an interest in supporting innovative research projects. In addition, we will maintain a file of good applications that are not funded in the event that we identify a source of funding matching the research in the future.
  <u>The format of the lay abstract should follow these headings:</u>
  - Approach
  - Significance and Innovation
  - Why this proposal would not be funded by conventional funding sources, such as NIH.

- Form Page 4: Detailed Budget for Initial Budget Period
  http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/fp4.doc
  *Note: A budget justification is **required** only if there are unusual expenses involved.

- Biographical Sketch Format Page
  http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/biosketch.doc

- Resources page
  http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/resources.doc

- Research Plan
  The continuation page template (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/continuation.doc) is to be used for the Research Plan, which must follow the format in Section 5.5 of the 398 Instructions, unless otherwise indicated:
  - **5.5.1.** Introduction (Resubmission or Revision Applications only) –<u>One page limit</u>
  - **5.5.2** and **5.5.3** Specific Aims and Research Strategy –<u>The page limit for both sections combined is 3 pages total.</u>
    For the Research Strategy, clearly state the significance of the studies with sufficient methodology and statistical analysis to allow evaluation of feasibility.
  - **5.5.4** Inclusion Enrollment Report (Renewal or Revision Applications only)
  - **5.5.5** Bibliography and References Cited/Progress Report Publication List
  - **5.5.6** Protection of Human Subjects
  - **5.5.7** Inclusion of Women and Minorities
  - **5.5.8** Targeted/Planned Enrollment Table
  - **5.5.9** Inclusion of Children
  - **5.5.10** Vertebrate Animals
  - **5.5.11** Select Agent Research
  - **5.5.12** Multiple Project Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI) Leadership Plan
  - **5.5.13** Consortium/Contractual Arrangements
  - **5.5.14** Letters of Support (e.g., Consultants)
  - **5.5.15** Resource Sharing Plan(s)

- In order to not burden the Biostatistics Core for preparation of seed grant applications, in-depth biostatistical analysis will be required only for those seed grants that are deemed likely to be funded. Following review, for

those seed grant applications deemed appropriate for further biostatistics support, that support should be limited to no more than five hours.

- A one-page cover letter should be included, indicating the grant program (eg, "International Research for HIV/AIDS") to which the application is directed.

- **All applicants are strongly encouraged to consult with the UCLA Center for World Health (Greg Szekeres; gszekeres@mednet.ucla.edu) prior to submitting an application.**

An <u>electronic copy</u> (PDF preferred) of your application must be emailed to both the:

UCLA AIDS Institute
(aidsinst@ucla.edu)

and

UCLA Center for World Health
(gszekeres@mednet.ucla.edu)

<u>no later than 4:00 PM on Monday October 1, 2012.</u>

Emails confirming receipt will be sent out the following day.

Questions related to eligibility and focus of proposal can be directed to
Greg Szekeres at gszekeres@mendet.ucla.edu.

Questions related to proposal documents, format, and deadline can be directed to
Jina Lee at 310-794-7209 or aidsinst@ucla.edu.