



Request For Applications

**UCLA AIDS Institute / UCLA CHIPTS / UCLA Pediatric AIDS Coalition
are now accepting applications for the following:**

Charity Treks: Basic, Clinical and Translational Research in HIV Prevention and Cure

The UCLA AIDS Institute is accepting applications for seed grants to fund basic and clinical pilot research studies relevant to HIV vaccine and Cure research including basic and translational immunology and virology projects relevant to prophylactic and therapeutic vaccine research and development, and novel strategies for HIV Cure research. The grants will be funded by the UCLA AIDS Institute, through proceeds from Charity Treks (<http://www.charitytreks.org>).

Pediatric HIV Research

The UCLA AIDS Institute is accepting applications for seed grants to fund basic and clinical pilot research studies relevant to pediatric HIV infection. The grants will be funded by the Pediatric AIDS Coalition at UCLA, through proceeds from the annual Dance Marathon. <http://pediatricaidscoalition.org/>

HIV and Substance Use

The UCLA AIDS Institute and UCLA Center for HIV Identification, Prevention and Treatment Services (CHIPTS) are accepting Letters of Intent for novel seed grant proposals relevant to understanding the biology of HIV and substance use or substance use disorders (SUD). Examples of competitive research topics include studies that integrate behavioral factors (e.g., drug exposure levels, psychiatric symptoms, environmental exposures) that correspond with biological or clinical markers. The purpose is to examine links between substances and their effects on microbiome, inflammation, gut-brain axis, epigenetics (especially gene expression), extracellular vesicles, and HIV transmission dynamics. The range of biological and behavioral data are available at this website: <http://themstudy.org/for-researchers/data-collected/>.

Funding will facilitate development of preliminary data that will be leveraged for future submissions of collaborative R01 or program project grants. These seed grants will be funded by the UCLA AIDS Institute and other private sources.

Deadline for receipt of Letters of Intent: March 15, 2021

Applicants whose Letters of Intent are favorably reviewed will be invited to submit a formal proposal. Formal proposals will then be due by May 10, 2021.

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