



# cira

Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS  
at Yale University

## CIRA SERVICES AND RESOURCES

<https://cira.yale.edu/>

### 1. Pilot Projects in HIV Research

<https://cira.yale.edu/opportunities/pilot-projects-hivaids-research>

The annual pilot projects in HIV research program offers funding for preliminary and/or feasibility studies in HIV-related research that will ultimately lead to larger studies evaluating novel interventions or implementation strategies. This funding mechanism prioritizes applications led by emerging and new investigators (including post-doctoral fellows and associates, research associates, research scientists, and assistant professors) affiliated with CIRA.

### 2. Peer Review\*

<https://cira.yale.edu/opportunities/peer-review>

CIRA's peer review program is designed to enhance the quality of HIV grant proposals, manuscripts, and other research products through convening a multidisciplinary, constructive, and collegial feedback process. CIRA peer reviewers include CIRA scientists, Community Advisory Board members, and post- and pre-doctoral fellows.

### 3. International Visiting Fellow Program\*

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The goal of this annual program is to support CIRA investigators engaged in HIV research in an international setting to bring an established or prospective research partner to CIRA and Yale for a short visit (up to 9 days), to work on collaborative HIV research endeavors, present on their research plans, and network with CIRA's research community. The program prioritizes visiting fellows from a country in [regions with the highest burden of HIV/AIDS](#).

### 4. Events and Talks

CIRA organizes symposia, presentations, and provocative conversations to advance research, science, best practices, and innovations, and to foster collaborations. Priority topics and focus areas addressed in these activities are informed by CIRA research cores, affiliates, and Community Advisory Board.

### 5. Core Consultations\*

CIRA affiliates can request a consultation with any of the CIRA's research cores before, during, and after a study implementation. For example, the Dissemination and Implementation Science Methods (DISM) Core provides consultations on methods, design, and analysis emphasizing implementation science, and hosts the Qualitative Research Discussion Group (QRDG) that meets monthly to discuss qualitative research process and potentially problem-solve issues that may arise when engaged in qualitative research.

### 6. Research Matchmaking and Funding Opportunities Discussions\*

CIRA organizes research matchmaking sessions to bring together scientists, community partners, and other stakeholders, with the goal of stimulating new HIV research collaborations and proposals. The process supports researchers and non-academic CIRA affiliates seeking collaborators with relevant expertise, experience, or research skills to respond to specific funding opportunities.

### 7. Research Dissemination

The dissemination of knowledge to improve practice and policy is integral to the CIRA mission. To this end, CIRA maintains a content-rich public website, produces "Research Snapshots" featuring summaries of affiliated research and infographics of event highlights, distributes a monthly newsletter (CIRA eBulletin), and sponsors HIV seminars. CIRA is also on several social media sites to further expand audience reach.

## 8. Training Programs

<https://cira.yale.edu/training>

CIRA is the hub for two National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)-funded highly productive training programs that are grounded in social justice principles and focused on professional development and mentorship: **Yale AIDS Prevention Training Program (Y-APT)** and **Research Education Institute for Diverse Scholars (REIDS)**.

- Y-APT is a T32 fellowship that fully integrates pre- and post-doctoral fellows into all aspects of the program, with a unique focus on vulnerable and underserved populations, a strong foundation of training in community-based research and implementation science, and opportunities for professional networking.
- REIDS is an R25 education program that aims to increase the number and impact of racial and ethnic minority researchers dedicated to reducing HIV inequities in communities of color, with particular emphasis on early career faculty and post-doctoral researchers.

## 9. HIV Implementation Science to Optimize Research Impact (HISTORI) Network

HISTORI aims to support Black communities in the United States end the HIV epidemic by providing an inclusive, self-directed platform for Black investigators to connect, learn, and engage in collective advocacy. HISTORI hosts an annual mid-year Scientific Congress and periodic events both online and in-person. Through a listserv, HISTORI Network members have opportunities to communicate with one another, promote their work, and receive program updates.

## 10. New England HIV Implementation Science Network

<https://cira.yale.edu/network>

The New England HIV Implementation Science Network aims to improve HIV prevention and treatment in small urban areas with a high prevalence of HIV by stimulating and supporting research and evaluation collaborations across New England with a focus on implementation science. Activities and opportunities include Network symposia and other events to foster partnerships among agencies, stakeholders, and researchers; workshops and consultations on implementation science and community-based research methods; targeted funding opportunities to stimulate innovative research; access to online implementation science resources; and dissemination of Network-affiliated research.

*\*Services available to CIRA affiliates and/or individuals working in partnership with CIRA investigators*

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