



Request for Letters of Intent for Pilot Projects in HIV Research

The Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA) at Yale University seeks letters of intent for its annual Pilot Projects in HIV/AIDS Prevention Research program. **The goal of the program is to provide pilot funding that will result in additional externally funded research projects.** We will consider letters of intent for applications for short-term funding support for preliminary, formative, or feasibility studies that will inform the development of larger, peer-reviewed research that can compete successfully for NIH or other funding. Applicants may propose to collect new data or to analyze data from completed R01, R03, R21 grants, other externally-funded projects, or previous CIRA pilot projects for the purpose of developing a new research agenda and funding.

Proposed projects should be consistent with CIRA's mission to support innovative, interdisciplinary research that combines behavioral, social, and biomedical approaches focused on the implementation of HIV prevention and treatment and the elimination of HIV disparities. Implementation Science (IS) is a central focus and we expect to fund at least one IS project. Consistent with CIRA's mission, research that focuses exclusively on the basic biology of HIV or research to develop new HIV treatments will not be considered.

CIRA plans to fund up to two projects in this cycle with a maximum award for individual projects of \$30,000. Projects must be completed within 12 months of the award.

LETTER OF INTENT: Applicants must submit a one page letter of intent by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21, 2017. This letter should include a descriptive title of the proposed project, a one paragraph description of the project, and the names and contact information of all key personnel. If you have any questions, please contact Milena Stanojlovic via email (Milena.Stanojlovic@yale.edu) or phone (203-737-4444).

APPLICATION PROCESS: Applicants are required to submit a letter of intent. **Our invitation for you to submit a full application will be contingent upon (1)** the project's alignment with CIRA's mission, **(2)** the feasibility of the project, and **(3)** the potential for the project to lead to a larger research study funded by the National Institutes of Health or other granting agency. **Full applications will be due on Monday, October 9, 2017.**

ELIGIBILITY: The program is open to full-time faculty and postdoctoral fellows and associates at Yale University, The Institute for Community Research (ICR), and the Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy (InCHIP) at UConn. Investigators from other universities or colleges and community-based organizations are eligible to apply in collaboration with a Principal Investigator based at Yale, ICR, or InCHIP. It is our expectation that awardees will hold an appointment at one of these institutions for at least one year past the award date. All investigators are eligible to apply, irrespective of their seniority or previous HIV research experience. Proposals from junior investigators, women, and underrepresented minorities are especially encouraged to apply.