



## 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 Pilot Projects in HIV/AIDS Prevention Research. **The goal of the program is to provide pilot funding to junior investigators, and/or support community-university research partnerships that will result in additional externally funded research projects.** We will consider letters of intent for preliminary, formative, and/or feasibility studies that will inform the development of proposals for NIH or other external funding. Implementation Science (IS) is a central focus at CIRA and we expect to fund at least one IS project in this cycle. IS includes the study of whether activities or tools that have been shown to be effective in scientific studies work in the real world, and/or the factors that inhibit or facilitate the implementation of such programs.

CIRA is most interested in supporting pilot projects that study populations at highest risk of HIV infection and studies focused on reducing disparities in HIV incidence, prevalence and outcomes among marginalized populations, including those with common co-morbidities such as substance use and mental health disorders. 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 \$25,000.** If you have any questions about this announcement or a project you are considering for submission, please contact Trace Kershaw, Director of CIRA's Development Core, via email ([trace.kershaw@yale.edu](mailto:trace.kershaw@yale.edu)).

**LETTER OF INTENT:** Applicants must submit a one-page letter of intent by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2019, via email to [kathryn.young@yale.edu](mailto:kathryn.young@yale.edu). 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.

**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 Friday, June 14, 2019.** It is strongly recommended that applicants with a specific interest in developing an Implementation Science study consult with IS mentors at CIRA in developing their application. Additionally, pilot project applicants must submit their IBR request in advance, as part of the full application.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Emerging and new investigators (including Post-Doctoral Students, Research Associates, and Assistant Professors) at Yale University, The Institute for Community Research (ICR), and the Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy (InCHIP) at UConn are eligible to apply as PIs. A senior researcher is allowed to participate as a mentor on the project. 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.