

CIRA 2022 *Fast-Track* Pilot Project Supplements in HIV Research

The 2022 Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS at Yale University (CIRA) **Fast-Track Pilot Project Supplements in HIV Research** offer funding to test innovative, cutting-edge ideas or untested methods as a supplement to an ongoing study funded by an existing grant, including CIRA and REIDS pilot projects. This is a fast-tracked mechanism for which we expect to announce awardees by December 15, 2022.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

Fast-track pilot project supplements can either be new and novel ideas that use the infrastructure of an existing award or extensions of an active project that will significantly expand its scope and impact. This funding mechanism is not intended to supplement the costs of activities covered by another grant.

To be consistent with the aims of CIRA, we strongly encourage the following:

- Research into reducing HIV inequities and/or incorporating key health justice constructs (e.g., social determinants of health, structural or systemic racism, and stigma).
- Studies that focus on populations at the highest risk of HIV infection and investigate how to reduce disparities in HIV incidence, prevalence and outcomes among marginalized populations, including those with common co-morbidities such as substance use and mental health disorders.
- Studies that examine the well-being of people with HIV or at risk for HIV who are affected by humanitarian crises (e.g., natural disasters, conflict, other displacements or forced migrations).
- Application of implementation science, community-engaged research, health services research, or digital health methodologies.
- Alignment with the NIH HIV/AIDS Research Priorities outlined in [NOT-OD-20-018](#).

AWARD AMOUNT: \$25,000 maximum

DURATION: One year

NUMBER OF AWARDS: Up to two awards

KEY DATES:

Application deadline: 5:00 pm on Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Awards announcement expected: Thursday, December 15, 2022

Earliest start date: January, 2023 (dependent on IRB and NIMH approval)

ELIGIBILITY:

Emerging and new investigators (including Post-Doctoral Fellows and Associates, Research Associates, and Assistant Professors) affiliated with CIRA will be given priority, although Associate Professors can also apply as PIs. You may only serve as PI on one proposal. All applicants must have an ongoing funded study (CIRA pilot, REIDS pilot, or other grant) with an active IRB approval.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Your application should be sent by email as a single PDF attachment to Daniel Davidson (daniel.davidson@yale.edu) by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, November 15, 2022. Please structure your application according to the following requirements:

1. Use **Arial font size 11**, half-inch margins on all sides, and number all pages;

2. Include a **cover letter** that provides the project title, PI(s) name(s), department affiliation and position, and contact information (mailing address, phone number, email address), names of all key personnel on the project, and total direct costs for the proposed project;
3. **Detailed Budget and budget justification.** Please use *PHS 398 Form 4* for your budget (attached). Funds (not to exceed \$25,000 and one year) can be used to support:
 - research-related personnel,
 - PI effort,
 - routine research-related expenses,
 - research-related travel,
 - essential supplies for this project.Funds may not be used to support:
 - travel to conferences,
 - routine office equipment such as computers,
 - or indirect costs.
4. **Research plan** (maximum two pages, not including reference list) consisting of three sections;
 - Significance (significance should include a brief description of the parent grant on which the proposed pilot is based and how this proposal extends that grant)
 - Innovation
 - Approach (the approach section should specify a timeline for completion of the project within one year of award)
5. **References cited;**
6. **NIH formatted [biosketch](#)** or CV for the PI(s) only;
7. **Proof of IRB protocol amendment submission** (e.g., amendment submission number);
8. **Training certificates** in Human Subjects Protection for **all key personnel** within the past three years;
9. **Proof of established collaboration** with partner organizations involved in the conduct of the proposed research required for all international research projects and domestic projects where applicable (e.g., letters of support).

Priority for funding will be based on:

- The relevance of the project to CIRA's mission;
- The scientific merit of the research plan;
- The likelihood of the project building scientific capacity that will lead to a larger, externally-funded study;
- The feasibility of the project including the likelihood that it will be completed within one year; and,
- Where appropriate, an international project's feasibility in the host country setting.

The principal investigator(s) selected to receive funding will be required to submit a six-month progress report and a one-year final progress report at the end of the funded project. An additional report one year following the project completion will also be required. This additional report will consist of a detailed description of progress to date and a listing of all submitted publications and grant applications (pending or funded), meeting abstracts, and seminars relating to the pilot project.

If you have any questions about this announcement, please contact [Katie Wang \(katie.wang@yale.edu\)](mailto:katie.wang@yale.edu), Acting Director of CIRA's Development Core.