

CIRA 2023 *Fast-Track* Funding Supplements in HIV Research

The Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS at Yale University (CIRA) is seeking proposals for the **2023 Fast-Track Supplements in HIV Research**, which offers funding to test innovative extensions of ideas and/or methods as a supplement to an investigator's ongoing IRB-approved study at Yale. This is a fast-tracked mechanism for which we expect to announce awardees by October 31, 2023.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

Fast-track funding supplements can be used for extensions of an active project that will significantly expand its scope and impact into innovative directions while taking advantage of the infrastructure of the existing study. 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, stigma).
- Studies that focus on populations at high 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, or displacement).
- 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: \$15,000 maximum

DURATION: One year

NUMBER OF AWARDS: Up to three awards

KEY DATES:

Application deadline: 5:00 pm on Monday, October 2, 2023

Awards announcement expected: Tuesday, October 31, 2023

Earliest start date: Friday, December 1, 2023 (dependent on IRB and NIMH approvals)

ELIGIBILITY:

Emerging and new investigators (including post-doctoral fellows and associates, research associates, research scientists, and assistant professors) affiliated with CIRA will be given priority, although associate professors can also apply as principal investigators (PIs). An individual investigator may only serve as PI on one proposal. All applicants must have an ongoing IRB-approved study to which this funding can serve as a supplement.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Applications should be submitted by email as a single PDF attachment to Daniel Davidson (daniel.davidson@yale.edu) by 5:00 pm on Monday, October 2, 2023.

Please structure the 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 the proposed budget (attached). Funds (not to exceed \$15,000 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 three 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 approval for the parent study;**
8. **Training certificates** in Human Subjects Protection for **all key personnel** within the past three years;
9. **Proof of established collaboration** with any partner organizations involved in the conduct of the proposed research (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, a project's collaborative feasibility with partner organizations.

The principal investigator(s) selected to receive funding will be required to meet with CIRA leadership at the outset of the project period and periodically as appropriate. Awardees must submit a six-month progress report, a one-year final progress report at the end of the funded project, and an additional report one year following the project's completion. 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.

For questions about this funding announcement, please contact John Pachankis (john.pachankis@yale.edu), Director of CIRA's Development Core.