

Call for Nominations: CIRA International Visiting Scholar Program 2026

The Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA) at Yale University seeks letters of nomination for the [International Visiting Scholar Program](#) (previously “International Visiting Fellow Program”). The goal of the 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. CIRA is planning to host the next cohort of International Visiting Scholars in 2026 and support one (1) international scholar.

CRITERIA TO EVALUATE INTERNATIONAL VISITING SCHOLAR NOMINATIONS

- The aims of the proposed visit and anticipated outcomes should align with [CIRA's mission](#) to offer the highest-quality HIV-related resources, skills, services, training and professional networking opportunities to HIV researchers and practitioners to help them advance HIV prevention, treatment, and health equity.
- With a focus on HIV equity, CIRA supports research that can have substantial impact on the global HIV epidemic, utilizing key research skills shown to improve equity of status-neutral HIV care (i.e., HIV prevention and treatment services across the care continuum, regardless of one’s HIV status): implementation science, community-engaged research, HIV service integration, and digital health.
- The nomination should demonstrate readiness of the visiting scholar to engage in research development activities and present on their work while at CIRA and Yale.
- The visiting scholar must have citizenship or permanent residency in a country in one of the [regions with the highest burdens of HIV/AIDS](#), and resulting research collaborations must be situated in these locations.
- The nomination should demonstrate the feasibility of arranging and conducting the visit between Monday, April 27, 2026, and Friday, May 8, 2026.
- Costs associated with the visit must be within the allowable budget.

EXPECTATIONS FOR CIRA/YALE HOSTS AND INTERNATIONAL VISITING SCHOLARS

CIRA/Yale host and international visiting scholar must participate in the program’s evaluation process, namely:

1. Develop an itinerary of research and academic activities planned for the visit
2. Present on ongoing or proposed collaborative research during the visit
3. Participate in post-visit evaluation surveys
4. Submit a joint report summarizing activities and follow-up plans at the end of the visit
5. Participate in virtual progress meetings at 6 and 12 months after the visit.

LETTER OF NOMINATION

The CIRA/Yale investigator who will host the visiting scholar must address the above criteria in their written nomination letter and include the name, credentials, geographic and institutional locations of the visiting scholar, anticipated dates of the visit (up to 9 days), and an estimated budget. The budget typically includes a \$1,000 honorarium, travel costs, hotel, and a per diem for meals.

ELIGIBILITY

CIRA affiliates who are Yale faculty members are eligible to apply. This is a competitive call with a preference for nominations by CIRA investigators who have not previously participated in the program.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The prospective CIRA/Yale host should submit a letter of nomination and the international visiting scholar’s current CV/biosketch by email to Dini Harsono (dini.harsono@yale.edu) by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 20, 2026. Applicants will be notified of all decisions within two weeks of the deadline. For questions about this announcement, please contact Dini Harsono (dini.harsono@yale.edu), Program Director.

Guidelines for Nominations: CIRA International Visiting Scholar Program 2026

CIRA/Yale investigator who will host the international visiting scholar must address the criteria described in the program announcement in their nomination letter. We highly recommend involving the nominated visiting scholar in presenting accurate information about their research expertise and interests, and in jointly developing the aims of the visit and anticipated outcomes. The following list provides suggestions for developing a nomination letter.

Use font size 11, half-inch margins on all sides, and number all pages (maximum of 3 pages, excluding the visiting scholar's CV/biosketch).

Outline reasons for the nomination and the stage of the existing research partnership.

- Explain the CIRA/Yale host's connection to the nominated visiting scholar, including how they know each other, and research and/or practice qualifications related to the proposed collaborations.
- Describe the existing research partnerships between the CIRA/Yale host and nominated scholar; highlight areas of relevance to CIRA's mission to stimulate and support innovative interdisciplinary research that combines behavioral, social, structural, and biomedical approaches to improve equity of status-neutral HIV care, including the use of implementation science, community-engaged research, HIV service integration, and digital health.
- Explain the potential benefits of hosting an international scholar in the CIRA/Yale host's research programs and collaborations, and the potential impact of the visit on the scholar's work in their home country.

Describe the research experience level and readiness of the visiting scholar to engage in research development activities while at CIRA and Yale.

- Provide an overview of the nominated visiting scholar and emphasize any unique aspects of their qualifications, research expertise and interests, and accomplishments.
- Focus on the impact, depth, and breadth of the nominated visiting scholar's research rather than quantitative metrics (e.g., number of publications, citation impact factor) or biographical facts (e.g., education, employment history, awards) already described in the visiting scholar's CV/biosketch.

State the aims of the visit and anticipated outcomes that will advance research collaborations.

- Briefly describe the plan of the visit as it relates to advancing the host and scholar's collaborative work (e.g., developing grant proposals in response to an NIH or non-NIH funding opportunity, writing manuscripts).
- Mention other relevant activities planned for the visit, such as presenting on the visiting scholar's research (e.g., preliminary presentation title/topic), meeting with other CIRA/Yale investigators with similar areas of research for potential collaboration (e.g., names and research areas), and participating in hands-on training sessions, workshops, or seminars.

Confirm the feasibility of arranging and conducting the visit between Monday, April 27, 2026, and Friday, May 8, 2026.

- Provide the anticipated dates of the visit (up to 9 days).
- Describe the CIRA/Yale host's availability to work with and support the visiting scholar during the visit.

Outline costs relating to the visit within the allowable budget.

The proposed budget should include a \$1,000 honorarium, travel costs (economy airline tickets and other transportation costs), hotel, and a per diem for meals. For guidance on per diem rates, visit the [US General Services Administration website](#) (select Connecticut for state and New Haven for city). Please note that CIRA does not reimburse fees associated with the [B-1 Visitor for Business](#) visa application charged by the US government that may apply.

Affirm the CIRA/Yale host and visiting scholar's commitment to participate in the program's evaluation process.