

Call for Nominations: CIRA International Visiting Fellow Program 2025

The Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA) at Yale University seeks letters of nomination for the [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 Fellows in 2025 and support up to two international scholars.

CRITERIA TO EVALUATE INTERNATIONAL VISITING FELLOW NOMINATIONS

- The aims of the proposed visit and anticipated outcomes should fit within [CIRA's mission](#) to provide the strongest foundation of HIV-related resource, skills, services, training and professional networking opportunities to HIV researchers and practitioners who can contribute to advances in HIV prevention and treatment, specifically, and health equity, in general.
- 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 fellow to engage in research development activities and present on their work while at CIRA and Yale.
- The visiting fellow must have citizenship or permanent residency in a country in [regions with the highest burden of HIV/AIDS](#) and resulting research collaborations must be situated in these locations.
- The nomination should demonstrate feasibility of arranging and conducting the visit between April 21st and May 2nd, 2025.
- Costs relating to the visit need to be within the allowable budget.

EXPECTATIONS FOR YALE HOSTS AND INTERNATIONAL VISITING FELLOWS

Yale hosts and international visiting fellows 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. Submit follow-up reports at 6 and 12 months after the visit
6. Participate in virtual meetings at 6 and 12 months after the visit.

LETTER OF NOMINATION

The Yale investigator who will host the visiting fellow must address the above criteria in their written nomination letter and include the name, credentials, geographic and institutional locations of the visiting fellow, anticipated dates of the visit (up to 9 days), and an estimated budget. The budget typically includes a \$1000 honorarium, travel costs (economy airline tickets and other transportation 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

Letter of nomination and international visiting fellow's current CV/biosketch should be submitted by email to Dini Harsono (dini.harsono@yale.edu) by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. 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 Fellow Program 2025

CIRA investigators who will host the international visiting fellow must address the criteria described in the program announcement in their nomination letter. We highly recommend involving the nominated visiting fellow to present accurate information about their research expertise and interest, and jointly develop the aims of the visit and anticipated outcomes. The following list provides some suggestions to develop a nomination letter.

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

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

- Explain your connection to the nominated visiting fellow, including how you know each other and your qualifications related to the proposed collaborations.
- Describe your existing research partnerships; 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 to your research programs and collaborations, and the potential impact of the fellowship on the scholar's work in their home country.

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

- Provide an overview of the nominated visiting fellow and emphasize any unique aspects of their qualifications, research expertise and interests, and accomplishments.
- Focus on the impact, depth, and breadth of the visiting fellow's research rather than quantitative metrics (e.g., number of publications, citation impact factor) or biographical facts (e.g., education, employment history, awards) that may already be described in the visiting fellow'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 your 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 fellow's research (e.g., preliminary topic of presentation), 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 April 21st and May 2nd, 2025.

- Provide the anticipated dates of the visit (up to 9 days).
- Describe your availability to host and support the visiting fellow 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](#). 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 CIRA/Yale host and visiting fellow's commitment to participate in the program's evaluation process.