



Developmental Grants Program

Fall 2022

Request for Applications

****New Type of Developmental Award****

In addition to the three types of developmental awards currently offered, we are pleased to announce the availability of a new developmental award type **CFAR Community Engaged Research Awards**. These awards will support the development and implementation of HIV research projects that are grounded in the principles of Community Based Participatory Research, focused on NIH Office of AIDS Research priorities, and have high potential to lead to future NIH funding, including NIH “Ending the Epidemic” funding opportunities. If you have a grant concept and have questions about whether it is responsive to this opportunity, please contact one of the CFAR Developmental Core Directors: Ira Wilson (ira_wilson@brown.edu), Ben Linas (Benjamin.linas@bmc.org), and Rahm Gummuluru (rgummulu@bu.edu)

The goal of the **Community Engaged Research Awards** is to provide pilot research funds to Co-Principal Investigator teams consisting of one academic investigator and one community-based investigator. These award funds will be shared between the academic institution and the community-based organization.

The CFAR Developmental Grants Program therefore now provides support for four types of AIDS biomedical and behavioral research projects:

- Initial AIDS Research Projects – applicants who have not yet received R01 type funding from NIH in the HIV/AIDS field
- Pilot Projects testing new or innovative ideas – applicants who have received R01 type funding from NIH, but not in the HIV/AIDS field (new to HIV research)
- Collaborative Projects – applicants would include at least one HIV investigator; collaborators must not have previous NIH R01 type funding together.
- Community Engaged Research Awards – applicants who have not yet received R01 type funding from NIH in the HIV/AIDS field, and who collaborate with a community-based organization.

The goal of the CFAR developmental program is to enable the grantee the opportunity to obtain sufficient original data to achieve NIH research funding in his/her area of investigation.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to align their proposals with the [NIH HIV/AIDS Research Priorities](#), and the [NIMH Priorities](#) for behavioral studies. **Community Engagement Research Project and Collaborative grants between Brown University and Boston University/Boston Medical Center faculty are strongly encouraged and will be prioritized for this cycle.** Grants submitted by Underrepresented Populations are always encouraged. Underrepresented populations, as designated by NIH, include “Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders”. Also included in this definition are individuals with Disabilities and those from Disadvantaged backgrounds. Please review [NOT-OD-20-031](#) for a full description. Projects considered a clinical trial by NIH will **not** be accepted. Please review [guidelines](#) carefully.

All applicants must have a full-time appointment of at least an appointment of Instructor/Investigator at Brown University or Boston University to apply. Applications from post-doctoral fellows will not be accepted

unless a faculty promotion letter (e.g. a letter confirming the intent of the institution to promote the applicant to an eligible position by the activation of the award) is attached to the application.

LETTERS OF INTENT MUST BE SUBMITTED IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR A CFAR DEVELOPMENTAL AWARD

- ▶ **Letters of Intent** are required and due no later than 5:00pm EST on **August 4, 2022**
- ▶ LOIs must be submitted on-line using the following link: <https://fs6.formsite.com/ltbcfar/LOI/index.html>
- ▶ Notification of selected LOI's for full submission will be announced by August 11, 2022
- ▶ For those with accepted LOIs, full applications are due by 5:00pm EST on **October 1, 2022**

For more detailed information, please visit our website at
<https://cfar.med.brown.edu/funding/developmental-grants>

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