



Developmental Grants Program

Fall 2023

Request for Applications

The CFAR Developmental Grants Program 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 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.
If you are interested in submitting a Community Engaged Research Award application, you must contact Dr. Ben Linas (Benjamin.linas@bmc.org) prior to submitting a Letter of Intent in order to confirm that the proposed project is appropriate for this funding opportunity.

The goal of the CFAR developmental program is to offer opportunities for researchers to obtain sufficient original data to support future NIH research funding in their 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 investigators from backgrounds underrepresented in biomedical research 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”, as well as 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 with at least a rank 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 ET on **August 4, 2023**
- ▶ LOIs must be submitted online using the following link: <https://fs6.formsite.com/lbcbcfar/LOI/index.html>
- ▶ Notification of LOI's selected for full submission will be announced by **August 11, 2023**
- ▶ For those with accepted LOIs, full applications are due by 5:00pm ET on **October 2, 2023**

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

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