



Developmental Grants Program Spring 2025 *Request for Applications*

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

- **Initial HIV/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 enable the grantee the opportunity to obtain sufficient original data to achieve NIH research funding in his/her/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. Projects considered a clinical trial by NIH will **not** be accepted. Please review [guidelines](#) carefully. **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 groups 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”. Also included in this definition are individuals with disabilities and those from disadvantaged backgrounds. Please review [NOT-OD-20-031](#) for a full description.

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 **Sunday, February 9, 2025**
- ▶ LOIs must be submitted on-line using the following link:
<https://fs6.formsite.com/lbcbcfar/LOI/index.html>
- ▶ Notification of selected LOI's for full submission will be announced by February 14, 2024
- ▶ For those with accepted LOIs, full applications are due by 5:00pm EST on **Sunday, April 6, 2025**

For more detailed information, please visit our website at

<https://cfar.med.brown.edu/funding/developmental-grants>

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