



Request for Applications

Providence/Boston Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) Community Academic Research Partnership Development Award

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY SUMMARY

The Providence/Boston Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) is seeking applicants for Community Academic Research Partnership Development Awards. This pilot funding opportunity is intended to support the development of community-academic research partnerships that will lead to the submission of a Providence/Boston CFAR Community Engaged Research Project Award application or other grant applications.

Funding will be available for a period of up to 12 months for community and academic researchers to:

- Build relationships
- Explore shared areas of interest
- Create a partnership structure
- Identify a specific research question
- Develop a research plan for a Prov/Bos CFAR Community Engaged Research Project Award or for another funding opportunity grant submission

APPLICATION DUE DATE: All applications must be received by 5:00pm EST on **Sunday, February 15, 2026**.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY ACADEMIC RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AWARD

- **Aims of Partnership:** Describe the partnership's shared goals, shared interests and/or what brings you together.
- **Approach to Partnership Development:** Describe your strategy for developing a collaborative research relationship. Specifically, describe how you will engage in collaborative learning to deepen critical thinking skills that support community-academic research partnerships, and build equitable relationships between partners. Examples may include facilitating formal and informal meetings for partners to learn more about each other, to explore the involvement of other potential partners, and to discuss how the partners will adopt and use equitable collaborative principles and operating norms. Demonstrate how you will explore shared research interests and identify capacity building needs with partners by, for example, identifying partnership research priorities, determining the nature of a collaborative research approach that will be used, and/or participating in trainings and ongoing mentoring opportunities.
- **Process for Communications, Collaborative Planning, and Decision Making:** Develop a structure (e.g., Advisory Committee and/or other appropriate partnership infrastructure mechanisms) for ongoing communication between community and academic partners to support future research. For example, define roles and responsibilities, develop communication and decision-making mechanisms, policies and procedures; and develop a set of collaborative participatory research principles to guide decisions regarding various aspects of the research process.
- **Planned Outcomes of Partnership Award and Future Directions:** Establish clear metrics/criteria to measure success and outcomes. Articulate metrics to track partnership outcomes.

AWARD

- Direct costs up to \$10,000 may be requested for a period of up to 12 months. Requests for no-cost extensions will not be accepted. No indirect costs allowed.
- Community partner(s) and academic researchers must serve as Co-Principal Investigators.
- The project budget should include funding for both community partner(s) and academic researchers. Applicants should consider allocating a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the requested funds to the community partner(s).

Please note: Receipt of a Community Academic Research Partnership Development Award is intended to support exploratory efforts. While it is highly recommended for demonstrating strategic outcomes and community alignment, it does not guarantee future funding for a Community Engaged Research Project Award. Community Engaged Research Project Awards will support Direct Costs up to \$60,000 and are subject to evaluation of results from the partnership award, programmatic fit and available resources.

ELIGIBILITY

All projects must identify both an academic researcher and a community partner at the time of application. ***While the academic partner will serve as the lead applicant, both the academic researcher and community partner will be considered Co-Principal Investigators on the award.*** The CFAR Community Engaged Research Council (C-CERC) and the CFAR Developmental Core are available for consultation to assist with identifying potential partners.

Academic Researchers: Must have a faculty appointment at Brown University/Brown University Health or Boston University/Boston Medical Center.

Community Partner(s): May include researchers or other professionals working primarily in community-based organizations, state or local government, faith-based organizations, community health clinics, private practice, or as independent contractors not affiliated with a specific organization.

Eligibility is limited to domestic organizations; international entities are not permitted under this RFA.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Budget & Justification
- Partnership Plan Description
- Partnership/Project Timeline
- Protection of Human Subjects, *if applicable*
- Biographical Sketch for all academic key personnel
- Resumes for all community partners
- Letter of support

Click [HERE](#) for additional information and to apply for a Community Academic Research Partnership Development Award.

If you have any questions or need further clarification regarding this funding opportunity, please don't hesitate to email Rhonda DiCesare at RDicesare@brownhealth.org.