



## RESEARCH GRANT OPPORTUNITIES CCHARC-NARLA Fellowship Awards

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The UCLA AIDS Institute and the UCLA California Collaborative HIV/AIDS Research Center-Network for AIDS Research in Los Angeles (CCHARC-NARLA) are accepting applications for one-year fellowship supplements for postdoctoral and graduate students working in HIV/AIDS in areas relevant to CCHARC-NARLA priority research areas in order to increase research capacity at NARLA sites.

Specifically NARLA is focused on the development and evaluation of novel strategies for treating and preventing HIV infection. Current investigations involve assessment of the acceptability of microbicide and gene therapy clinical trials within minority communities. Focus on these or other relevant areas is required.

**Funding level:**                    **Up to \$20,000 is available to support 2 fellows.**  
These funds can be requested to support stipend plus research or, if the applicant already has stipend support, the funds can be requested to support research.

### **Deadline for receipt of Letters of Intent: March 14, 2008**

Applicants whose *Letters of Intent* are favorably reviewed will be invited to submit a formal proposal.

Formal proposals will then be due by **April 15, 2008**.

*The project period will be one year.*

### Investigator eligibility

- Applicants must have a full-time postdoctoral or research appointment, or be a graduate student or prospective graduate student at UCLA, Friends or APLA. Both Masters and Doctoral candidates may apply with an appropriate mentor.
- Minority applicants are strongly encouraged
- The mentor can be any faculty or PI level investigator at one of the NARLA sites. The applicant however, must document a working relationship with NARLA or one of the investigators involved in CCHARC-NARLA at one of the participating institutions: UCLA, Friends Research Inc., or APLA. Please contact Dr. Mitsuyasu (see below) if you have questions regarding specific named mentors.
- In addition, three mentoring meetings with Dr. Thomas Coates will be required. The initial meeting will review the plan for the year, the mid-year meeting will review progress, and the final meeting will assess final products of the year, as well as provide an exit interview to improve the fellowship in the future.

### Funding criteria

- Grants will provide supplements for training support to graduate students and postdoctoral students.
- Although IRB approval is not required prior to application, release of funding will be contingent on receipt of IRB approval for proposed project.
- No indirect costs may be included.
- Grants will be reviewed by a peer review committee.
- Progress reports and end of project reports will be required.
- Attendance at CHRP investigator meeting will be required, and presentations may be requested for NARLA meetings and site visits.

Core facilities are available, on a recharge basis, in these areas: virology, cytometry, mouse/human chimera, gene and cellular therapy, biostatistics, mucosal immunology, clinical research facilitation and consultation.

### Instructions for letters of intent

Letters of intent must be no longer than 2 pages, and must include the following:

- Brief summary of the proposed research project
- Name of mentor and collaborating NARLA investigator, if mentor is not a part of NARLA
- Brief summary of your experience conducting similar research
- Total amount of funding requested

Letters of intent must be received no later than **4:00 pm** on **March 14, 2008**. They can be sent via post or email to:

Ronald Mitsuyasu, M.D., Director  
 UCLA CARC  
 9911 W Pico Blvd, Suite 980  
 Los Angeles, CA 90035  
 rmitsuya@mednet.ucla.edu

Questions can be directed to Dr. Ronald Mitsuyasu, [rmitsuya@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:rmitsuya@mednet.ucla.edu), 310-557-1893

### **Instructions for formal proposals**

***Applicants must first submit a Letter of Intent before being invited to submit a formal proposal. These instructions are provided here for reference only.***

Applications must be prepared and written by the applicant, however editorial support by the mentor is encouraged. Applications must be submitted using standard PHS 398 format; applications must adhere to format and instructions as given in the PHS 398 Instruction Files. (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>)

Specifically, the following forms must be submitted:

- Form Page 1: Face Page  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/fp1.doc>
- Form Page 2: Description, Performance Sites, Key Personnel, Other Significant Contributors, and Human Embryonic Stem Cells  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/fp2.doc>

**\*Note: Unlike NIH grants, provide the abstract in lay language.**

Some grants are funded by private foundations or individuals who have an interest in supporting innovative research projects. In addition, we will maintain a file of good applications that are not funded in the event that we identify a source of funding matching the research in the future.

The format of the lay abstract should follow these headings:

- Approach
- Significance and Innovation
- Why this proposal would not be funded by conventional funding sources, such as NIH.
- Form Page 4: Detailed Budget for Initial Budget Period  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/fp4.doc>

**\*Note: In addition to the modular budget, please provide a detailed breakdown and budget justification for personnel, using the NIH budget page.**

- Biographical Sketch Format Page  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/biosketch.doc>
- Resources page  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/resources.doc>
- Continuation Page  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/continuation.doc>

The continuation page is to be used for the Research Plan, which must follow the format in Section C.7 of the 398 Instructions. Unlike NIH grants, Sections A-D of the Research Plan may be no more than **5** pages.

- In addition, provide a 2 page training page, detailing why and how the fellowship experience will add to the training for the applicant.
- In order to not burden the Biostatistics Core for preparation of seed grant applications, in-depth biostatistical analysis will be required only for those seed grants that are deemed likely to be funded. Following review, for those seed grant applications deemed appropriate for further biostatistics support, that support should be limited to no more than five hours.
- Letters of Reference (Post Doc/Graduate Student Applicants only)
  - Preceptor's Letter of Nomination endorsing candidate and research proposal
  - Two letters of recommendation from professional references

Letters must accompany this application

- A one-page cover letter should be included, indicating the grant program to which the application is directed.
- **All applicants are strongly encouraged to consult with the CFAR Consultation Core (Director Gail Wyatt, [gwyatt@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:gwyatt@mednet.ucla.edu)) or the appropriate AIDS Institute Associate Director for assistance, prior to submitting an application.**

**Nine copies of the application must be delivered by post or in person to the UCLA AIDS Institute office (10940 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1200 Los Angeles, CA 90024) no later than 4:00 pm on April 15, 2008.**

Questions can be directed to Jina Lee at 310-794-7209 or [jinalee@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:jinalee@mednet.ucla.edu).

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