



RESEARCH GRANT OPPORTUNITIES Fellowship Awards



The UCLA AIDS Institute, Center for AIDS Research (CFAR), and other private sources are accepting applications to fund fellowship supplements for postdoctoral and graduate students working in HIV/AIDS.

Funding level: \$5,000

Application deadline: April 15, 2008

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.

The project period will be one year, with the earliest start date of June 1, 2008

Investigator eligibility

- Applicants must have a full-time UCLA postdoctoral or fellowship appointment, or be a graduate student or prospective graduate student.

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.

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:

- Your name, degrees, and full contact information (email, phone, mailing address)
- Brief summary of the proposed research project
- 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:

Rathna Natarajan, CFAR Administrator
UCLA AIDS Institute
10940 Wilshire Blvd., Ste 1200
Los Angeles, CA 90024

Questions can be directed to Rathna Natarajan, rnatarajan@mednet.ucla.edu, 310.794.4419

Instructions for formal proposals

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://grants1.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 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, gw Wyatt@mednet.ucla.edu) or the appropriate AIDS Institute Associate Director 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.