



RESEARCH GRANT OPPORTUNITIES



International Prevention and Policy Research for HIV/AIDS

The UCLA AIDS Institute and UCLA Program in Global Health, with funding from The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund and The Franklin Mint Foundation, is accepting Letters of Intent for seed grant proposals to fund global HIV prevention and policy research. The objective is to provide seed funding for projects that foster collaboration between UCLA and scientists from priority developing countries, in order to stimulate research work in these countries.

Funding level: \$20,000 to \$30,000 (a total of \$100,000 is available for 3-5 grants.)

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, with the earliest start date of June 1, 2008.

Investigator Eligibility

Investigators applying for seed grants must be:

- Faculty or fellow (to be appointed to faculty), at UCLA, affiliated institution, or collaborating community-based organization
- An emerging scientist OR an established scientist who wants to move toward international research

Note that dissertations are not eligible for this RFA.

Funding Criteria

- Focus is on international (developing country) prevention and policy research for HIV/AIDS. Prevention is broadly defined to include social, behavioral, biomedical, or health services research. Basic science studies of novel preventive strategies (eg, vaccines, therapeutics, microbicides) are also encouraged. Secondary data analyses are also acceptable.
- Foster development of collaboration between UCLA and in-country institutions.
- Provide evidence of existing projects on which to build, as well as how the work will interface with other existing projects.
- Outline clearly how research funded by the seed grant can be translated into a larger project, particularly an NIH R01 grant or Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Award (R21).
- Must agree to have projects monitored and mentored by the AIDS Institute (Dr. Gail Wyatt) and the PI and Project Director of the UCLA Program in Global Health (Dr. Tom Coates and Mr. Greg Szekeres). A mentor/monitor will be assigned to each grant to ensure that it moves along on schedule and that progress is made toward submission of a larger multi-year grant to an extramural funding agency.
- 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
- Mid-year progress report and end-of-project report will be required.
- Priority will be given to research conducted in the following countries (*other countries will be considered if justification is included*):

Angola	Malawi	Tanzania
Brazil	Mexico	Thailand
Cambodia	Mozambique	Uganda
Caribbean region	Namibia	Vietnam
China	Peru	Zimbabwe
India	Rwanda	
Kenya	South Africa	

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:

Greg Szekeres, Associate Director
 UCLA Program in Global Health
 10940 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1220
 Los Angeles, CA 90024
gszekeres@mednet.ucla.edu

Instructions for Formal Proposals (if invited to submit)

Applicants must first submit a Letter of Intent before being invited to submit a formal proposal.

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.**
- 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.
Recommended outline:
 - A. Specific Aims (½ page)
 - B. Background and significance (½ page)
 - C. Preliminary Studies/Progress Report (½ page)
 - D. Methods/Research Design/Human Subjects (1 ½ pages)
(Methods **must be** at least 1 page.)
- 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.
- A one-page cover letter may also be included.

Formal proposals must be delivered by post or in person to the UCLA Program in Global Health office (10940 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1220 Los Angeles, CA 90024) no later than 4:00 pm on April 15, 2008.

**Questions about eligibility, letters of intent, or formal proposals can be directed to
 Greg Szekeres at 310-794-3579 or gszekeres@mednet.ucla.edu.**