



RESEARCH GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Domestic Behavioral Science Research for HIV/AIDS



The UCLA AIDS Institute is accepting Letters of Intent for seed grant proposals to fund behavioral science research. The objective is to provide seed funding for projects that will eventually be submitted for NIH and private funders to fund larger grants.

Funding level: \$30,000

Deadline for receipt of Letters of Intent: April 2, 2010

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

Formal proposals will then be due by **May 7, 2010**.

The project period will be one year, with the earliest start date of June 15, 2010.

Investigator eligibility

Investigators applying for seed grants must be:

- Faculty (Assistant Research Series and higher), at UCLA, affiliated institution, or collaborating community-based organization
- An emerging scientist OR an established scientist who wants to develop another research area

Funding criteria

- Focus is on prevention. Prevention is broadly defined to include social, behavioral, biomedical, or health services research. Behavioral science studies of novel preventive strategies are also encouraged. Secondary data analyses are also acceptable.
- Foster development of collaboration between UCLA and other universities or community based organizations.
- 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, an R34 or Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Award (R21).
- Must agree to have projects monitored and mentored by the AIDS Institute (Dr. Gail Wyatt). A mentor/monitor from the Consultation Core 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 multi disciplinary, peer review committee
- Progress reports and end of project reports will be required. Presentations of posters at UARP sponsored meetings are encouraged.

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
- 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 **April 2, 2010**. They can be sent via post or email to:
UCLA AIDS Institute, 10940 Wilshire Blvd., Ste 900, Los Angeles, CA 90024, aidsinst@ucla.edu

Questions can be directed to Dr. Gail Wyatt at 310-206-9860 or gwyatt@mednet.ucla.edu.

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 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>
As this is an internal grant, boxes 12 and 13 are not required.
- 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: A budget justification is required only if there are unusual expenses involved.**
- 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 5.5.3 of the 398 Instructions. Unlike NIH grants, Sections A-D of the Research Plan may be no more than 3 pages. **Clearly state the significance of the studies with sufficient methodology and statistical analysis to allow evaluation of feasibility.**
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)
- 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.
- All applicants are strongly encouraged to consult with the CFAR Consultation Core (Director Gail Wyatt, gwyatt@mednet.ucla.edu) or the appropriate AIDS Institute Associate Director prior to submitting an application.

An electronic copy of the application (pdf format preferred) must be sent to the UCLA AIDS Institute (aidsinst@ucla.edu) no later than **4:00 pm on May 7, 2010.**

Emails will be sent out the following day confirming receipt.

Questions can be directed to Jina Lee at 310-794-7209 or jinalee@mednet.ucla.edu.
Program questions can be directed to Dr. Gail Wyatt, gwyatt@mednet.ucla.edu, 310-825-0193.