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Solicitation for HIV/AIDS-Related Developmental Project Grants

The **RUSTBELT CFAR** is inviting applications for developmental project grants focused on the impact of Sex & Gender in HIV/AIDS research in the following areas:

1. Novel approaches to prevent HIV infection
2. HIV persistence and viral latency
3. NeuroAIDS including substance use
4. Antiretroviral therapy and drug resistance
5. Basic science focused on viral pathogenesis, host-protein interactions and drug discovery

Sex and gender differences in the manifestation and treatment of HIV infection are significantly understudied. We encourage applications that investigate sex and/or gender differences in HIV/AIDS or to projects focused on an understudied, high need sex and gender special population, such as cis-gender or transgender women.

Application Criteria:

- Early career investigators (Senior Research Associates, Instructors, Assistant Professors)
- Established investigators new to HIV/AIDS research
- Investigators in Uganda
- All applications must propose use of at least one RUSTBELT CFAR Core. **We encourage applicants to discuss their research ideas with CFAR Core Directors.**

Budget and Project Period: 5 awards of \$50,000 (total costs; no indirect cost recovery) will be funded for 1 year.

Key Dates:

Application Due Date: April 17, 2023

Peer Review: May 2023

Notification of Award Date: June 1, 2023

Anticipated Start Date: June 5, 2023

Required Application Components and Application Format:

- Face Page (NIH PHS 398)
- Budget and Budget Justification (Funds are for research supplies and staff salary support)
- NIH biosketches for key personnel
- Proposal Narrative (sections A – C, 3-page total)
 - A. Specific Aim(s)
 - B. Significance & Innovation
 - C. Research Design and Methods
 - D. Plans for future funding (1/2 page)
 - E. References Cited (not included in page limit)

Submission: All proposals must be submitted electronically via email, as a **single PDF file**, to Rose Davis at rx517@case.edu or Michelle Leszczewski at leszczewskimn@upmc.edu.

Questions: Please contact Dr. Alan Levine (alan.levine@case.edu) or Dr. Nicolas Sluis-Cremer (nps2@pitt.edu) with any questions.