

***Applicant  
Teleconferences:  
2008 Call for  
Applications***

*California HIV/AIDS Research Program  
University of California  
September 12 and 16, 2008*



California HIV/AIDS  
Research Program

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# Program Overview



## Grants Activities

- **Emphasis on innovative research that does not duplicate research elsewhere**
- **Emphasis on collaboration (also cross-sector)**
- **Emphasis on leverage of grant funds**
- **Emphasis on the California epidemic**



# Call for Applications Overview

- **Reflects the CHRP Strategic Plan, including Stakeholder Input (Survey/RFI and Meetings)**
- **Different offerings for four Research Field Areas:**
  - Basic Biomedical Sciences
  - Clinical Sciences
  - Systems of Prevention and Care
  - Social and Behavioral Sciences
- **Strategically targets research in most areas (Topic limitations and exclusions in all field areas)**
- **Increased award amounts**
- **CHRP funding from UC recently reduced by 10%**
- **Letters of Intent required for all award types**



# Innovative, Developmental, Exploratory Awards (IDEAs)

- **For Pilot Studies, Innovative Research**
- **High Risk/High Payoff studies is one goal**
- **Emphasis on allowing investigators to pursue new directions**
- **Emphasis on New Investigators**
- **Emphasis on leverage potential**



# Innovative, Developmental, Exploratory Awards (IDEAs): Thematic Priorities

## Basic Biomedical Sciences:

**Topics open**; however, for research on non-HIV/SIV infectious agents projects must be directly related to HIV or SIV co-infection

## Clinical Sciences:

1. Complications, Co-Morbidities and Long Term Outcomes
2. Therapeutic Strategies for HIV

## Social and Behavioral Sciences:

1. HIV-Related Disparities in Highly Impacted, Under-Researched Populations
2. Contextual, Cultural, and Structural Issues in HIV Prevention and Care



# Research Training Awards

- Only in Basic Biomedical Science
- Dissertation and Postdoctoral Research
- U.S. and non-U.S. citizens eligible
- Emphasis on Mentor/Trainee relationship
- Emphasis on research appropriate for training

## Dissertation Awards:

- must have advanced to candidacy
- must be enrolled in a California doctoral program
- **Topics open**; however, research on non-HIV/SIV infectious agents must be directly related to HIV or SIV co-infection



# Community Collaborative Research Awards

- **Research partnership between an academic investigator and a CBO, health dept., or other service provider**
- **Emphasis on Translational and Applied Research**
- **Emphasis on under-researched and disproportionately affected populations**



# Community Collaborative Research Awards

## Thematic Priorities

### Systems of Prevention and Care:

1. Linkages and Integration in Provision of Prevention and Care
2. Immigrants, Migrant Populations, and Issues in Care Access and Continuity

### Social and Behavioral Sciences:

1. Practice Informed Translational and Interventions Research



# California AIDS Multi-Institutional Clinical Studies (CAMICS)

- **Collaborative Clinical Research with 3-5 institutions**
- **Emphasis on populations most adversely and disproportionately affected by the California epidemic**
- **Must have rapid response flexibility**



# Collaborative HIV/AIDS Policy Research Centers

- Collaborative Policy Research between two institutions:
  - Policy Issues Related to HIV Systems of Care and Prevention
- Emphasis on developing evidence-based HIV/AIDS public policy in California and beyond
- Proposals are encouraged to have a rapid response capability



# Peer Review Process

## *NIH-Style Study Sections*

### *Before:*

*Molecular Biology and  
Pathogenesis of HIV*

*Basic Clinical Science and HIV-  
Related Diseases*

*Applied Clinical and Health  
Services Research*

*Social and Behavioral Science*

### *New:*

*Basic Biomedical Science*

*Clinical Science*

*Research on Systems of  
Prevention and Care*

*Social and Behavioral Science*

**Important Feature: Community Reviewers for all study sections  
except Basic Biomedical Science**



# *What was funded in 2007?*

## **Applications and Grants by CHRP Award Types**

**(In Response to the 2007 Call for Applications)**

<b>Award Type:</b>	<b>Number of Applications</b>	<b>Grants Funded (success rate)</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	<b>Percentage of total funding</b>
<b>Dissertation</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7 (30%)</b>	<b>\$325,000</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Postdoctoral/Clinical Fellowship</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>12 (40%)</b>	<b>\$996,000</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>IDEA</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>20 (25%)</b>	<b>\$2,186,000</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Community Collaborative</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3 (33%)</b>	<b>\$836,000</b>	<b>19%</b>



# Letters of Intent

- Required as a prerequisite for all applications
  - Abstract with specified sections
  - Program Responsiveness
- Evaluation for responsiveness to the Call
  - Program will determine eligibility to apply
  - Will be used for the initial selection of peer reviewers

## TIPS:

- Follow the instructions
- For submission on proposalCENTRAL, **PI/Applicant** must initiate the LOI process, then can enable access by others to delegate tasks
- Recommend that PI/Applicant provide access to collaborators on proposalCENTRAL



# Questions and Answers

- **Contact designated program officer for scientific content questions, such as clarification of priority thematic areas**
- **Contact proposalCENTRAL customer service for technical questions**
- **Contact CHRP for clarifications of instructions**

**Questions from prospective applicants?**

