

***Applicant  
Teleconferences:  
2009 Call for  
Applications***

*California HIV/AIDS Research Program  
University of California  
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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 three Research Field Areas:**
  - Basic Biomedical Sciences
  - Clinical Sciences
  - Social and Behavioral Sciences
- **Strategically targets research in most areas (Topic limitations and exclusions in all field areas)**
- **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**

*Application requires a 7 page research proposal and other materials*



# Innovative, Developmental, Exploratory Awards (IDEAs): Targeted Themes

## **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 the Basic Biomedical Sciences
- 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
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# 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

## Targeted Theme

### Social and Behavioral Sciences:

#### 1. Practice Informed Translational and Interventions Research

*Application, to be submitted by the CBO partner,  
requires an 11 page research proposal and  
other materials*



# Peer Review Process

## NIH-Style Study Sections:

***Basic Biomedical Sciences***

**Anwer Mujeeb, Ph.D.**

***Training in Basic Biomedical  
Sciences***

**Anwer Mujeeb, Ph.D.**

***Clinical Sciences***

**Melissa Sanchez, Ph.D.**

***Social and Behavioral Sciences***

**Roy McCandless, Dr.P.H.**

***Research on Systems of  
Prevention and Care  
(No awards offered in this Call)***

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



# What was funded in 2008?

## Applications and Grants by CHRP Award Types (In Response to the 2008 Call for Applications)

| Award Type:                     | Number of Applications | Grants Funded (success rate) | Amount Awarded | Percentage of total funding |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Training (Postdoc/Dissertation) | 47                     | 12 (26%)                     | \$876,000      | 6.3%                        |
| IDEA                            | 74                     | 18 (24%)                     | \$3,660,472    | 27%                         |
| Community Collaborative         | 13                     | 6 (46%)                      | \$2,436,420    | 18%                         |
| *CAMICS                         | 4                      | 2 (50%)                      | \$4,692,095    | 34%                         |
| *Health Policy Research Center  | 2                      | 2 (100%)                     | \$2,147,895    | 16%                         |

*\*Not Offered in 2009*



# The UCOP Research Program Application & Review Center (PARC)

- 2008-09 UCOP restructured the grant operations units in the Office of Research & Graduate Studies (ORGS)
- PARC supports the proposal solicitation, receipt, and peer review processes for funding opportunities available through ORGS, and works in collaboration with existing research programs, like CHRP.
- PARC serves as the interface on procedural and administrative aspects of your application and the review process
- PARC contact info: [PARC@ucop.edu](mailto:PARC@ucop.edu); 510-987-9386



# Letters of Intent

- Required as a prerequisite for all applications
  - a. Abstract with specified format
  - b. Program Responsiveness (including targeted themes)
    - CHRP determines eligibility to apply
    - Rolling approvals: get it in early (& **before noon Fri, Sept 4**)
    - LOIs used for the initial identification of peer reviewers

## TIPS:

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



# From Approved LOI to Application:

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Deadlines displayed in U.S. Eastern Time

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Application Deadline: Friday, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, before noon Pacific Time



# Questions and Answers

- **Contact PARC for clarifications of application procedures or instructions**
- **Contact designated CHRP program officer for scientific content questions, e.g.: clarification of targeted themes**
- **Contact proposalCENTRAL customer service for technical questions**

***Questions from prospective applicants?***

