



CHRP 2026 RFPs:

Applicant Webinar Questions and Program Responses

General Questions Applicable to all RFPs

Question	CHRP Response
Indirect costs (IDC) are limited to 40%, can we request more than 40%?	No, indirect (F&A) costs are capped at 40% of Modified Total Direct Costs for all institutions with a federally approved F&A rate agreement. Organizations that do not have a federally approved F&A rate may request a De Minimis rate of 25%. See the <i>Award Duration, Budget, and Requirements</i> Section of your RFP for more details.
Are submissions from past recipients of CHRP awards assessed differently than non-recipients?	No, there are no scoring criteria on any of our currently open RFPs that address this, nor any guidance to reviewers on this point. Note that reviewers will assess team expertise and capacity (either demonstrated or potential) under scoring criteria related to feasibility.
Do I need to upload letters of support at the LOI stage?	No, letters of support (LOS) will be uploaded at the full application stage, not at the LOI stage.
Do I need to upload a biosketch at the LOI stage? Or should I describe my qualifications in the LOI abstract?	No, biosketches will be uploaded at the full application stage, not the LOI stage. Please read the <i>Submitting a Letter of Intent (LOI)</i> section of your RFP for guidance as to what you should include in the abstract at the LOI stage.
What should I include in the abstract if the limit is only 2,400 characters?	Please read the <i>Submitting a Letter of Intent (LOI)</i> section of the RFP for guidance as to what you should include in the abstract at the LOI stage.
Is there a citizenship requirement for PIs? For other key personnel, such as mentors?	Neither US citizenship nor permanent residency are requirements for the PI, nor for any personnel, to receive CHRP funding. See the <i>Eligibility</i> sections of your RFP for more details.

Standing Up for HIV Science Open Call RFP

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Is this RFP open to ESIs and non-ESIs? I'm an ESI, can I apply?	Yes, there are no restrictions as to ESI status for this RFP and we welcome your application.
You mention supporting ESIs but what about gap funding and those that are still early career investigators but are just finishing their first R01?	A PI who has received an R01 from NIH is no longer considered an early career stage investigator (ESI) based on both NIH and CHRP definitions. See the Eligibility section of this RFP for more information.
Are you still considered an ESI for this RFA if you had an ESI grant with CHRP but per NIH you are still an ESI?	A PI who has received a CHRP award previously is no longer considered an early career stage investigator (ESI). See the Eligibility section of your RFP for more information. However, this RFP has no restrictions based on career stage, so you are eligible to apply regardless of ESI status.
I will have a multi-month gap with no NIH salary support. Can I use this award to fully fund my position for those months, and partially fund my position in other months?	Yes. Monies in this award can be unevenly distributed across grant years (and months).
How do research projects that are basic biomedical or translational science address CA priority communities?	Addressing priority communities in California is one aspect of two of the four scoring criteria for this RFP, but there are many other aspects. How applicants might address this in their applications is not something we can advise on.

Basic Biomedical and Translational Sciences RFP

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Can an applicant have more than one mentor?	This RFP requires that the ESI name a mentor at the LOI stage and include a mentoring plan in the research plan section of the full application; there is no limit to the number of mentors that can be included in the mentoring plan. (See Section 5 of this RFP.)
Is remote mentoring allowed (the proposed mentor is in a different institution from the PI)?	There is no requirement that the PI and the named mentor be at a single institution. Note that all activities must be conducted in California (See Sections 5 and 7 of this RFP).
The majority of funding for this RFP historically has gone to the UC system. What observations do you have for applicants from the CSU system?	CHRP requires that applicant institutions are non-profit research, academic, or community-based institutions located in California (see Section 5 of this RFP). CHRP welcomes applications from all eligible institutions.
Given that my prior application was on the waitlist, would you recommend that I mention this in the LOI?	Prior application status is not part of the scoring criteria for this or any RFP, but you are free to mention it in your LOI.
In the full application, should I explicitly address prior reviewer comments, or treat this as a new submission? Is there any designated space to respond to prior reviews?	CHRP regards each application as new, and reviewers are advised to assess each application as a new application. We do not request, require, or provide space to respond to prior reviewers comments.

HIV Policy Research Centers RFP

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What can you say about CHRP's policy priorities?	CHRP seeks to support research that is responsive to the needs of policy stakeholders. Please refer to Section 2 of this RFP, as well as our stated strategic priorities for more information.
What is the scope of the core award?	Centers should propose work that is responsive to the policy research needs of stakeholders. This can be accomplished through rapid response projects or longer-term studies as appropriate to the study question.
Can we split the OFA with another applicant?	One Center should apply as the lead and can partner with any other organizations, including other funded Centers, to complete the aims.
Am I eligible to be the applicant PI?	For all CHRP RFPs, any potential applicant who currently holds "PI status" at their institution (or will be granted it "just in time") is eligible to apply as PI (see Section 3 of this RFP.) There are restrictions for the Policy Centers RFP that <u>only apply to persons who have been funded</u> as CHRP HIV Policy Applicant PIs in the past.
What is meant by bidirectional communication?	The HIV Policy Research Centers should have open lines of communication with local and state legislators, public health officials and other stakeholders to ensure that Policy research is informed by their needs and that the results of the research are disseminated such that it has the potential for direct impact on policy.
Did the State Office of AIDS share any vision for enhanced communication with the HIV Policy Research Centers?	No, you should propose a strategy that is most beneficial for your Center's approach to bidirectional communication.