**Request for Applications: Collaborative Innovation Awards**

To build on the Third Coast Center for AIDS Research symposium, “Breakthroughs in HIV Research,” on October 22, 2021, the Developmental Core calls for applications for a new funding mechanism. Collaborative Innovation Awards will support the work of teams of two or more collaborators pursuing new research questions in HIV/host biology.

The symposium will highlight the work of investigators from multiple departments and disciplines. In the spirit of fostering new collaborations among symposium participants, these awards must be led by two or more Co-Principal Investigators. The proposed study responding to this RFA must include teams that have not currently collaborated on a project related to HIV. Expansion of a pre-existing team by adding new co-PI collaborator(s) may also be considered responsive. Projects must **align** with NIH priorities for HIV research ([NOT-OD-20-018)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-018.html).

**Eligibility**

* All Co-PIs must be a Third Coast CFAR faculty member (i.e. in a PI-eligible position at Northwestern University, the University of Chicago, or Lurie Children’s Hospital). Trainees may play a significant role on the project, but are not eligible as a Co-PI.
* At least one of the Co-PIs must be either: 1) a new investigator (i.e. not have led an R01 or equivalent NIH grant for HIV research); or 2) an established investigator who has not had NIH funding for HIV research.

**Award**

The maximum request for direct costs is limited to $20,000.

**Timeline**

Projects must be “shovel-ready” and able to launch by January 2022. The CFAR suggests that applicants use the award to purchase assays, core services, and supplies, rather than supporting effort. Salary support is allowable, but will delay project set up. Projects that would require a new IRB approval for work with human subjects are not eligible. The CFAR scientific cores can provide or help awardees identify sources for clinical specimens. All work must be completed by April 30, 2022.

* Applications are due November 15, 2021 by 11:59 p.m.
* Selections will be made by December 3, 2021.
* Anticipated funding start date is January 3, 2022
* Work must be completed by April 30, 2022

**Application Instructions**

**Collaborative Innovation Award Application**

**Your Proposed Research Team**

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| **What is the title of your proposed project?** |
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| **Please provide description of your proposed project.** (300-word limit) |
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| **A key goal of the symposium on October 22 was to highlight novel, multidisciplinary collaborations – and to foster new collaborations. Please describe, with great specificity, how your proposed team and research idea were inspired by the collaborations highlighted during the symposium.** (300-word limit) |
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| **Describe your proposed specific aims:** |
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| **Describe your research strategy:** (1,500-word limit)  *Note: You may paste figures at the end of this application.* |
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| **Bibliography:** |
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| **Please described your anticipated deliverables and associated timelines:**  *(e.g., publication, presentation, funding application, prototype, etc.)* |
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| **Budget Justification** |
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| **(Optional) Please paste figures, if any, below:** |



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| **Please identify up to three non-conflicted potential reviewers at Northwestern, University of Chicago, or Lurie Children’s Hospital.** | |
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| **Final Application Preparation Checklist** |

1. Complete all applications sections (above).
2. Paste the Co-PIs' NIH-style biosketch on next page (page preformatted with .5 margins).
3. Paste key personnel biosketches immediately after the Co-PI's biosketch.
4. Save entire Word document as a PDF, using the following filename convention: CFAR-CIA-*LASTNAME\_FIRSTNAME*.pdf (use the name of the submitting Co-PI)
5. Email PDF to Justin Schmandt (justin.schmandt@northwestern.edu) by deadline.



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