

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Deadline for abstract submission: 31 May 2025

This is a call for abstracts proposing articles for a supplement of the *Journal of the International AIDS Society* (JIAS), titled **"Application and Innovation in Implementation Science Methods for HIV Treatment and Prevention"**, to be launched in May/June 2026.

The Editors invite submissions of multidisciplinary research articles designed to advance the implementation, scale up of, and enhance access to effective HIV treatment and prevention interventions. The Editors especially seek papers reporting original research, but will also consider commentaries, reviews and other articles (see Submissions below for further details).

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BACKGROUND

In the face of a shifting global landscape marked by funding cuts and increasing pressures on health systems, implementation science is more critical than ever to sustain and advance progress in HIV treatment and prevention while offering an opportunity to reimagine how services are designed and delivered. It provides essential tools for maximizing the real-world impact of HIV treatment and prevention interventions to reduce HIV-related morbidity and mortality. By integrating biomedical and behavioural approaches, implementation research improves how interventions are delivered, scaled and sustained in diverse settings. The field has grown rapidly in recent years, driven by increased access to training and mentorship in the application of pragmatic study designs, theoretical frameworks and implementation outcome measures.

Implementation science has significantly strengthened the HIV response globally. By refining strategies for tailoring, targeting and delivering treatment and prevention approaches, implementation science has helped improve health outcomes across a wide range of communities and regions.

SUBMISSIONS

The scope of this call for abstracts is global and the Editors welcome contributions from diverse research contexts and communities. Submissions from all investigators are encouraged. However, the Editors particularly welcome work led by early-stage investigators and from researchers in low- and middle-income countries and/or originating from community-academic partnerships.

This supplement highlights the evolving landscape of HIV-related implementation research and may include innovative systematic reviews and meta-analyses. We seek manuscripts that showcase:

- Applications of established implementation science methods in HIV treatment, prevention and care
- Adaptations of implementation strategies across different settings and communities
- Innovations in implementation science methods that enhance the effectiveness and reach of HIV interventions
- Innovations in ethical standards and review processes in implementation science

SUPPORT

The supplement will be organized by IAS – the International AIDS Society – with financial support from the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) as part of the Mid-Atlantic CFAR Consortium (MACC+) Implementation Science Consultation Hub and CFAR Implementation Science Core partnership. The content of this supplement will be solely the responsibility of the authors and will not necessarily represent the official views of the IAS or the U.S. NIH.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION PROCESS

Initial contributions should be in the form of abstracts written in English and structured according to the headings of the selected article category (word limit: 350 words, see [Author Guidelines](#)) and specify the proposed manuscript category (for example, research, short report, review, commentary). Authors are encouraged to specify in the abstract the setting of their study (location, time period, population of interest).

Abstracts should be emailed to sbaral@jhu.edu with the subject line, "JIAS supplement: Implementation science".

ABSTRACT SELECTION PROCESS

- The Guest Editors will review initial abstract submissions. Only authors of selected abstracts will be invited to submit full manuscripts for inclusion in the supplement.
- Manuscripts must be written in English and conform to the journal style and format for each category. Authors must adhere to the manuscript structure, as stipulated in the [Author Guidelines](#), including word counts.
- Invitation and submission do not guarantee publication. Each selected manuscript will undergo editorial appraisal and peer review based on its individual merits. Only those accepted after peer review will be published in the supplement.
- The journal holds supplements to the same standards as other issues. Specifically, all manuscripts under consideration for inclusion in a supplement must adhere to the journal's standards for overall quality, types of articles and types of content within the articles. Manuscripts that do not meet the journal's standards will be rejected.

IMPORTANT DATES

31 May 2025: Abstract submission closes

9 June 2025: Authors notified of the outcome of their abstract submission

1 September 2025: Submission of invited manuscripts to JIAS for further consideration

September 2025 – February 2026: Peer review process

May/June 2026: Publication and launch of the supplement