



# Developmental Grants Program

## Fall 2017

### *Request for Applications*

The CFAR Developmental Grants Program provides support for three types of AIDS biomedical and behavioral research projects:

- Initial AIDS Research Projects – applicants who have not yet received R01 type funding from NIH in the HIV/AIDS field
- Pilot Projects testing new or innovative ideas – applicants who have received R01 type funding from NIH, but not in the HIV/AIDS field (new to HIV research)
- Collaborative Projects – applicants would include at least one HIV investigator; collaborators must not have previous NIH R01 type funding together.

The goal of the CFAR developmental program is to enable the grantee the opportunity to obtain sufficient original data to achieve NIH research funding in his/her area of investigation.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to align their proposals with the [NIH HIV/AIDS Research Priorities](#), and the [NIMH Priorities](#) for behavioral studies. Those proposals that address **HIV & Substance Use** or **HIV & TB** will be prioritized. Collaborative grants between Brown University and Boston University/Boston Medical Center faculty and grants submitted by **Underrepresented Minorities (URM)** are particularly encouraged. URM faculty, as [designated by NIH](#), includes “Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders”.

All applicants must have a full-time appointment at Brown University or Boston University. Faculty must have at least an appointment of Instructor (at BU) or Investigator (at Brown) to apply. Applications from post-doctoral fellows will not be accepted unless a faculty promotion letter (e.g. a letter confirming the intent of the institution to promote the applicant to an eligible position by the activation of the award) is attached to the application.

- Each award of up to \$40,000 is granted for one year.
- Additional requirements apply if you are considering either a pilot or collaborative project. Please contact the [CFAR office](#) for more information.
- Due Date: Applications are due by 5:00pm on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017**.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to use the services available through the CFAR Cores. Services are provided either free or at substantially reduced rates for developmental applicants.
- Biostatistical services are provided through the CFAR Biostatistical Core free-of-charge to developmental applicants that adhere to the consultation schedule (see attached).

**For an application or more detailed information, please visit our website at**

<https://www.brown.edu/academics/medical/about-us/research/centers-institutes-and-programs/aids/cfar-developmental-grants>

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## Biostatistics Core Consultation for Developmental Grant Proposals

Due to the high demand placed on the Biostatistics Core during preparation of developmental grants (DG), CFAR has implemented a process for collaboration and consultation. The process has two objectives:

- To ensure that core faculty has sufficient time to learn about the goals of the DG proposal, provide meaningful feedback, and schedule meetings as needed.
- To ensure that applicants have sufficient opportunity to develop a design and analysis plan that is specific to their proposal and is suitable for meeting project goals.

*Consultation with the Biostatistics Core is optional and at the discretion of the DG applicant. However, those who wish to make use of this resource are required to follow the process described below. Please note that we will not be able to accommodate requests for consultation for this round of proposals after **Wednesday September 27<sup>TH</sup>**.*

### **WEDNESDAY September 27th or earlier:**

#### **Submit an email request for consultation.**

All requests, whether from Brown or Boston University faculty, should be sent to Brittany Pailthorpe (Brittany\_Pailthorpe@Brown.edu).

The request should contain a concept page that includes the following:

- PI name, title and affiliation
- Working title of DG proposal
- Current version of specific aims
- Clear statement of hypotheses to be tested
- Detailed description of data available or to be collected
- Anticipated statistical analysis.

Following receipt of the concept sheet, a member of the core will be assigned to contact the PI with feedback and/or to schedule a meeting. The PI must be available to meet with the core collaborator between **Friday SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>** if requested.

### **Wednesday, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>:**

The PI will be required to **submit a 3-4-page draft of the complete application to the assigned core collaborator**. The PI must be available to meet with the core collaborator between **Monday, OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup> and Friday, OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>** if requested.

**Wednesday, November 1, 2017** – Complete proposals due to the CFAR office.