Funding Opportunity Announcement FY2021
Request for Applications for Pilot Funding for

November 27, 2019

This harmonized Pilot RFA will streamline and expedite the grant application and scientific review processes for the CTSI, CFAR and IAEID funding mechanisms. Applicants may submit the same proposal to all three mechanisms, as long as all eligibility criteria are met. Only one Letter of Intent may be submitted per applicant. Only one award will be granted.

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**Application Process and Timeline**
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Miami CTSI Mission
The mission of the Miami Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) is to be indispensable as the scientific home for clinical and translational (C/T) research, transforming University research infrastructure to advance excellence in culturalized C/T research.

Purpose of the CTSI Pilot Awards
In alignment with the Miami CTSI mission, Pilot funds are meant to support highly innovative, translational, interdisciplinary, and health disparities-oriented research proposals that are:

1. **Directly related to health disparities** and racial/ethnic minority health, or addressing challenges in health areas that disproportionately affect racial/ethnic minorities, and/or
2. **Multi-disciplinary projects**, where the Principal Investigator (PI) and (at least) one co-investigator are from different fields of expertise, and/or
3. Submitted by women and/or individuals from racial and ethnic groups underrepresented in sciences and in medicine.

In accordance with the CTSA-mandated NCATS Common Metrics Initiative, it is expected that Pilot projects will generate publications and data for external funding.

Number of Awards, Funding Amount & Award Period
The CTSI Pilot Program will award up to four (4) meritorious projects of up to $40K each. The Pilot funds are intended to be flexible and can be used to fit a variety of scientific needs. Examples of allowable direct research costs include salaries for technical personnel, laboratory supplies, animals used to conduct the proposed research. Faculty salary is not allowable.

The award period is one year (12 months), from June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021. The projects are expected to be completed within the award period. No-Cost-Extension (NCE) will not be available.

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For additional details about the KL2 program, please visit the Miami CTSI website.

**Applicant Eligibility**

All eligibility criteria must be met as of date of submission (March 4, 2020).
- All UM junior and mid-career full-time faculty are eligible to apply to these awards (ranks of Assistant and Associate Professors). Study teams of Full Professors may apply, only if the Principal Investigator is junior faculty.
- Jackson Health System and the Miami VA full-time faculty may apply, with at least one full-time UM faculty collaborator.
- Residents, instructors, staff, post-doctoral and clinical fellows are not eligible.

**Types of Fundable Projects**

The Miami CTSI encourages faculty to submit proposals that deal with:
- Health Disparities: directly related to health disparities and racial/ethnic minority health or addressing challenges in health areas that disproportionately affect racial/ethnic minorities.
- Informatics, Data & Diagnostics: novel informatics, diagnostics, data capture tools, analytics, work on Data Trusts, patient-reported data methods.
- Special Populations Novel Methods: novel methods to engage and recruit underserved populations of all ages, research dissemination strategies.
- Translation to Care: studies on barriers to translating research knowledge to care/policy; obstacles to team-based research.

**Project Eligibility**

- Research projects conducted outside of the U.S. (fully or partially) are not eligible.
- Only new applications and first resubmissions to any UM internal award mechanism are allowed.
- The research supported by this program must be translational in nature (prev. T1 to T4). Basic research projects (prev. T0) are not eligible. Examples of translational projects are listed below:
  - Preclinical studies that are directly relevant to human health and use human cells or other human biological materials, with the endpoint of identifying new therapies or biomarkers.
  - Early bench to bedside research leading up to and including first-in-human and/or clinical proof of concept trials evaluating new drug treatments, medical devices and diagnostics.
  - Community-based clinical research studies using human subjects, families, and/or communities for testing new treatments or interventions, assessing new health outcomes, etc.
  - Studies of effectiveness and/or implementation and/or dissemination of clinical research findings in practice.
  - Studies on the science of translational research, i.e., on methods and approaches that improve the process of conducting translational research.
  - Studies that promote team science and address researchable health issues from the perspectives of multiple disciplines.

For more information, visit NCATS Translational Spectrum page

**Funds Available and Budgetary Limitations:**

Awards will be up to $40K each (direct research costs only).
Indirect costs or overhead will not be awarded under the CTSI Pilot Program.

As per NIH regulations, only allowable direct costs may be charged. Awarded projects will be required to adhere to the applicable OMB Uniform Guidelines, NIH Grants Policy Statement and University of Miami policies. Award funds may cover research support costs such as technical/laboratory assistants, clinical research coordinators, undergraduate and/or graduate student support, technical supplies, publication costs, U.S. based domestic travel to professional/scientific meetings, vertebrate animals/care/housing, and participant payments for IRB-approved protocols. Applicable non-federal fringe benefits for employees and health insurance coverage for students should be included.

In addition, proposed budgets must adhere to the following budgetary limitations:

- Faculty salary is not an allowable expense within the budget
- Patient care is not an allowable expense within the budget
- Publication costs are limited to $2K
- Travel: only U.S. domestic travel is allowed. Travel is limited to attending professional meetings to present research findings or for training needed for the project (not to exceed $2,5K)
- Equipment and software purchases are strongly discouraged* (see note below). If necessary, these purchases must not exceed $5K
- The project must be conducted at UM. The use of outside-UM services* is strongly discouraged (see note below). Foreign components are not allowed.

*IMPORTANT NOTE*: Proposed budgets requesting support for equipment and/or outside UM services will require a robust and comprehensive budget justification at proposal phase as well as subsequent review and approval by CTSI Leadership prior to award issuance. All efforts must be made to use UM equipment and services when available.

The CTSI Fiscal Team will be available by appointment for one pre-application budget consultation to ensure that the proposed costs are allowable and reflective of the proposed project needs.

**Speed Grant Review Program**

The goal of the Speed Grant Review Program is to provide investigators applying for a CTSI Pilot award with a critique that might increase the likelihood of obtaining funding. Attendees will receive one-on-one feedback on their Specific Aims page from University of Miami faculty. Reviewers will be NIH funded researchers with experience as NIH/CDC/PCORI reviewers and with a background in HIV research. Participation in this program is voluntary but strongly encouraged for junior investigators and investigators new to research.

The voluntary Speed Grant Review will be held on **February 5, 2020**, only for applicants invited to submit their full application. To participate to the Speed Review session, applicants will need to submit a single page draft of their proposed Specific Aims to Patricia Avissar by **January 29, 2020**. Each applicant will have 20 minutes of feedback on their application per reviewer.

**NCATS Prior Approval**

All Miami CTSI Pilots projects involving human subjects and/or live vertebrate animals must receive approval from NCATS prior to the involvement of human subjects and/or live vertebrate animals.

NCATS prior approval cannot be obtained without valid IRB/IACUC approval documentation. Funding cannot be released. Human subject and/or live vertebrate animals research will start only after NCATS approval is obtained. For more information on NCATS Prior Approval, click [here](#).

Applicants invited to submit their full application will be asked to immediately start the NCATS Prior Approval process (IRB approval, IACUC approval, gathering of required documentation, etc.)

**Evaluation Criteria**

The scientific and technical merit of the proposals will be evaluated using the NIH peer review criteria: significance, innovation, and approach. Miami CTSI priorities will be carefully considered.

**Review and Selection Process**

The CTSI Pilot award review process is a two-tier process:

1. All invited applications will undergo:
• Scientific and technical merit review by ad-hoc reviewers selected by the CTSI Pilot Program Leadership.
• Biostatistics, Ethics, and/or Regulatory Review: at the discretion of the CTSI Pilot Director and/or reviewers.
• Budget review by CTSI fiscal team.

(2) Applications within the funding range will undergo a programmatic review by the CTSI Executive Committee. Applicants will receive feedback on their proposal.

Progress Reporting
To allow tracking of the progress and success of each project, the funded investigators will be required to submit:
(1) an interim progress report at 6 months into the funding period, and
(2) a final report at the end of the 12-month funding period, no later than 60 days after the award period.
Detailed information on the content of the reports will be provided ahead of time to the awardees.

General Information on available research services
• **Biostatistics Consults are MANDATORY.** Applicants are required to meet with the Biostatistics Core before their final application is submitted in order to review statistical analysis methods. Biostatistics considerations in the design and analysis of proposed investigations are critical to the procurement of funding and quality of research. The Biostatistics Collaboration and Consulting Core (BCCC), part of the Research Design and Biostatistics Component of the Miami CTSI, is available to provide support for grant proposal development. Applicants are required to schedule appointments with the BCCC at least three weeks before the full submission deadline. The Biostatistics Collaboration and Consulting Core request forms are available here. Contact Ms. Maria Jimenez-Rodriguez.
• **Budget Preparation Consults:** The CTSI Fiscal Team will be available for one pre-application consultation regarding the proposed budget for the application to ensure proposed costs are allowable and reflective of the proposed project needs.
• **Regulatory Consults:** CTSI Regulatory Knowledge and Support can assist in meeting FDA and other federal regulatory requirements to establish data safety and monitoring plans and boards, and to ensure/improve the quality of research conducted particularly at the time of study development prior to grant submission. Contact: Jonelle Wright, PhD.
• **Community Engagement and Cultural Diversity:** For consultations on conceptual, methodological and analytic issues with research with racial/ethnic minorities; strategies for recruiting research participants; establishing community research partnerships; and disseminating findings to relevant stakeholders. Contact: Ms. Brendaly Rodriguez.
• **Research Ethics:** For consultations on ethical considerations. Contact: Kenneth Goodman, PhD.

Information on CTSI services/resources can be found below and on the CTSI website here.
Information on additional services provided at UM but not funded by the CTSI can be found here.

Instructions for the Letter of Intent
Letters of Intent (LOI) are required and must be submitted electronically via REDCap. Instructions provided in the REDCap application form must be strictly followed.

*Letters of Intent that are incomplete or otherwise do not follow instructions will not be considered for review.*

The LOIs consist of the following components.

1. **Applicant Information**
2. **Mentors & Collaborators Information**
3. **Project Information.** The Project Information includes among others the following sections:
   - **Scientific Abstract (MAX 300 words):** Abstracts will be used to assess the potential scientific merit of the proposals, and to select the proposals that will proceed to the full application. Abstracts must be concise and include: (a) Project background, (b) Specific aims, objectives or hypotheses, (c) Methodology (action steps) to be used, and (d) Expected results.
   - **Public Health Impact & Relevance to the mission of the CTSI, CFAR, and/or IAIED (Max 100 Words)**
   - **Innovation (Max 100 Words)**
   - **Translational Nature of project (Max 100 Words)**
B. INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING TO MIAMI CFAR PILOTS

Miami CFAR Mission
The Miami CFAR’s mission is to advance HIV/AIDS research by providing scientific leadership and developing an infrastructure that fosters integration of basic and clinical sciences including behavioral/social sciences, promotes education and mentorship, and partners with the community to prevent, treat and cure HIV/AIDS.

Purpose of the CFAR Pilot Awards
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CFAR Pilot awards will be awarded in the amount up to $50,000 each (direct costs only), with a 1-year project period (approximately June 1st, 2020 to May 31st, 2021). A one-time No-Cost-Extension (NCE) of six months may be requested.

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**Applicant Eligibility**

**All eligibility criteria must be met as of date of submission (March 4, 2020).**

- Investigators at the rank of Assistant Professor (in the research or clinical tracks) or above are eligible to apply. CFAR membership is not a requirement.
- CFAR gives priority to junior investigators, investigators new to HIV/AIDS and established investigators proposing projects representing a new area of study for them.
- Post-doctoral associates may apply if they have three or more years of experience and are working towards a transition to faculty status.
- Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.
- Collaborative projects are encouraged and defined as those involving two or more investigators from different disciplines, and/or different departments. Behavioral science investigators are encouraged to collaborate with clinical and basic scientists. We strongly encourage applicants to strengthen their application by including a UM collaborator.
- Previous CFAR awardees are eligible to apply as long as there is no scientific overlap of any projects.
- Applications with foreign components are not eligible to apply.

**Proposal Areas of Interest**

The Miami CFAR encourages proposals that deal with:

- Applications for translational research and emerging concepts will also be accepted.

**Biostatistics**

Each applicant will be required to meet with the Biostatistics Core before their final application is submitted in order to review statistical analysis methods. In order to schedule an appointment please make your request through the following link. Click “CFAR Biostatistics Usage Request Form”. In the section “project title” please put “Pilot Award FY21 Application” and under “category” please mark “other.”
CFAR Core Usage

All CFAR-funded projects are required to use relevant CFAR Cores. Please visit the [CFAR website](https://www.cfar.org) to familiarize yourself with these cores and the CFAR services.

- Any project with a laboratory component (Immunology, Virology, Genomics) is required to meet with the CFAR Laboratory Core before their final application is submitted in order to review laboratory services and feasibility. In order to schedule a consultation please make your request [here](https://www.cfar.org). Click “REQUEST LAB SERVICES”. In the section “project title” please put “Pilot Award FY21 Application”.
- For IRB protocol assistance contact the [CFAR Clinical Sciences Core](https://www.cfar.org). Assistance with recruitment and retention of subjects is available through the Behavioral and Clinical Cores.

Budget

**Funds Available and Budgetary Limitations:** Awards of up to $50K each (direct research costs only). Expenses should be restricted to personnel, laboratory supplies, cost for subject participation, test supplies and technical support. **Travel, Computers, and Equipment indirect costs are not allowed.** Junior investigator and post-doctoral salary up to 10% may be included in the budget. Senior investigators should not have salary support on pilot awards. Provide a budget justification for each person and item listed in the budget. Names and positions of all personnel must be individually listed and the percentage of time to be devoted to the project by each person should be noted even when no salary is being requested. If an individual is being listed on your grant with effort but no salary support, they typically should be listed as mentor or other significant contributor. If the individual has not yet been hired, please list as "TBD."

Patricia Wahl, HIV/AIDS Director of Business Operations, will be available for budget consultation to ensure that the proposed costs are allowable and reflective of the proposed project needs.

NIH Prior Approval

CFARs are not allowed to fund clinical research studies that include randomization to one or more low risk interventions to evaluate the effects of those interventions on health-related biomedical or behavioral outcomes. Please read the [Notice of Revised NIH Definition of “Clinical Trial”](https://www.cfar.org) for details.

For clinical studies that involve a vulnerable population (children, pregnant women, sex workers, etc.) and/or is more than minimal risk, the full research protocol and informed consents are required to be submitted to the NIH for prior approval.

Evaluation Criteria

Reviews will be based on scientific merit and the likelihood of attracting NIH or similar funding in the future. All applicants will receive feedback on their proposals. Specific criteria include:

- Innovation and significance to HIV/AIDS Research
- Scientific merit of proposed research
- Probability of subsequent peer review funding
- Investigator productivity

Review and Selection Process

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Progress Reporting

To allow tracking of the progress and success of each project, the CFAR funded pilots will be required to submit a progress report each February, whether interim or final, until the end of the project.
C. INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING TO MIAMI IAEID PILOTS

Miami IAEID Mission
The HIV/AIDS Institute at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine was established in 2015 to coordinate and integrate all HIV/AIDS research, clinical, outreach and philanthropic activities at the Medical School. The name was changed to the UM Institute of AIDS and Emerging Infectious Diseases in 2016. Its mission is to stimulate innovation, support interdisciplinary collaboration and create synergy among the various HIV/AIDS initiatives and programs with the goal of speeding significant scientific advances particularly in the development of a vaccine and a cure for HIV infection.

Purpose of the IAEID Pilot Awards
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Number of Awards, Funding Amount & Award Period
Pilot awards from the IAEID will be awarded in the amount up to $80K each (direct costs only), with a one-year project period (approximately July 1st, 2020 to June 30th, 2021). No-Cost-Extension (NCE) are not allowed. The availability of funds for pilot awards are contingent upon release of State funding.

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**Applicant Eligibility**

*All eligibility criteria must be met as of date of submission (March 4, 2020).*

- The IAEID focuses on high impact research in the area of **HIV vaccines and cure** that can be completed in a short amount of time, regardless of academic rank.
- Investigators at the rank of Assistant Professor (in research or clinical track) or above are eligible to apply.
- Post-doctoral associates may apply if they have three or more years of experience and are working towards a transition to faculty status.
- Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.
- Collaborative projects are highly encouraged and defined as those involving two or more investigators from different disciplines, and/or different departments. We strongly encourage applicants to strengthen their application by including a UM collaborator.
- Applicants should, whenever possible, utilize the services of a CFAR core in the proposal.
- Previous IAEID awardees are eligible to apply as long as there is no scientific overlap of any projects.
- Applications with foreign components are not eligible to apply.

**Proposal Areas of Interest**

Proposals that fall under the topics Cure/Reservoirs and Vaccine research are eligible to apply for IAEID funding and prospective candidates can contact **Dr. Mario Stevenson**, Director, Institute of AIDS and Emerging Infectious Diseases, to discuss whether the proposal would be of relevance to those topics.

**Biostatistics**

Those applications requiring significant statistical analyses are encouraged to meet with the Biostatistics Core before their final application is submitted in order to review statistical analysis methods. In order to schedule an appointment please make your request through the following link **http://cfar.med.miami.edu/clinical-sciences-**
core/request-biostatistics-service and click “CFAR Biostatistics Usage Request Form”. In the section “project title” please put “Pilot Award FY21 Application” and under “category” please mark “other”.

**CFAR Core Usage**

All IAEID funded projects are required to use at least one CFAR Core. Please visit the CFAR website to familiarize yourself with these cores and CFAR Services. In order to schedule an appointment for Biostatistical assistance and IRB protocol assistance contact the CFAR Clinical Core. Information on the recruitment and retention of subjects is available through the Behavioral and Clinical Cores.

**Budget**

**Funds Available and Budgetary Limitations**: Awards of up to $80K each (direct research costs only).

Expenses should be restricted to personnel, laboratory supplies, cost for subject participation, test supplies and technical support.

**Travel, Computers, and Equipment indirect costs are not allowed.** Senior investigators, Junior investigators and post-doctoral salary up to 10% may be included in the budget.

Provide a budget justification for each person and item listed in the budget. Names and positions of all personnel must be individually listed and the percentage of time to be devoted to the project by each person should be noted even when no salary is being requested. If an individual is being listed on your grant with effort but no salary support, they typically should be listed as mentor or other significant contributor. If the individual has not yet been hired, please list as “TBD.”

Patricia Wahl, HIV/AIDS Director of Business Operations, will be available for budget consultation to ensure that the proposed costs are allowable and reflective of the proposed project needs.

**Clinical Research Studies**

IAEID is not allowed to fund clinical research studies that include randomization to one or more low risk interventions to evaluate the effects of those interventions on health-related biomedical or behavioral outcomes. Please read the Notice of Revised NIH Definition of “Clinical Trial” for details.

**Evaluation Criteria**

Reviews will be based on scientific merit and the likelihood of attracting NIH or similar funding in the future. All applicants will receive feedback on their proposals. Specific criteria include:

- Innovation and significance to HIV/AIDS Research
- Scientific merit of proposed research
- Probability of subsequent peer review funding
- Investigator productivity

**Review and Selection Process**

The IAEID Pilot award review process is a two-tier process:

1. **All invited applications** will undergo:
   - Scientific and technical merit review by ad-hoc reviewers selected by the CTSI Pilot Program, CFAR and IAEID Leadership.
   - Biostatistics, Ethics, and/or Regulatory Review: at the discretion of the CFAR Developmental Core Director and/or reviewers.
   - Budget review

2. **Applications within the funding range** will undergo a programmatic review.

Applicants will receive feedback on their proposal.

**Progress Reporting**

IAEID-funded pilots will be required to submit a final progress report by **July 31, 2021**.

Failure to submit required progress reports will impact the PI’s eligibility for future awards.