Texas Developmental Center for AIDS Research (Texas D-CFAR)
Request for Pilot Grant Applications

The NIH-funded Texas D-CFAR invites Pilot Project grant applications offered through its Developmental Core. Participating institutes include Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Biomedical Research Institute (San Antonio), The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (includes Cizik School of Nursing, McGovern Medical School, School of Public Health, School of Biomedical Informatics, School of Dentistry, MD Anderson UTHealth Graduate School, and MD Anderson Cancer Center). Proposals in all areas of HIV/AIDS basic, clinical, behavioral, substance use, and implementation science research are welcome. The Texas D-CFAR is especially interested in proposals aligned with its theme – "Ending HIV and Optimizing Health in Texas," including research on Ending the HIV Epidemic (learn more here: https://www.hiv.gov/federal-response/ending-the-hiv-epidemic/overview), reducing health disparities and research that focuses on or includes community engagement components. Proposals for feasibility studies in non-human primates at the Texas Biomedical Research Institute are encouraged. Faculty with primary appointments at participating institutes and who are early-stage investigators (defined here: https://grants.nih.gov/policy/early-investigators/index.htm) or who are established investigators new to HIV/AIDS research are eligible to apply. Applications from eligible investigators who are members of racial or ethnic groups historically under-represented in research or who are members of sexual and gender minority groups are particularly encouraged to apply.

Although proposals from individual investigators are welcome, collaborations between investigators at two or more D-CFAR institutes are encouraged. Co-investigators may be from institutes that are not D-CFAR institutes. Pilot Project grants will be awarded for one year. Budgets range from $50,000 (individual applicants) to $100,000 (collaborative applicants) in direct costs only. For projects that involve two or more institutions, the budget must be apportioned according to the scope of work proposed at each institution. Indirect costs will not be awarded. Contact the D-CFAR Developmental Core (Tx-D-CFAR-Dev-Core@bcm.edu) with questions about specific budget information.

A Letter of Intent (LOI) to submit an application is due January 24, 2022 and full applications are due March 1, 2022. The LOI is limited to one page and must include the title of the project, a brief description of the project, and a list of key personnel with their titles, institutions, and roles. The LOI is recommended but not required. All investigators who submit an LOI should plan to submit a complete application. The purpose of the LOI is to allow constitution of a Review Panel with appropriate expertise. Application instructions are attached. The Texas D-CFAR Developmental Core can provide assistance to early-stage investigators seeking to identify a mentor to assist in Pilot Project applications and career development. Submit requests for assistance, questions, LOI and applications to: Tx-D-CFAR-Dev-Core@bcm.edu.