

# UAB CENTER FOR AIDS RESEARCH (CFAR)

## Request for Applications:

### 2010 DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM

The UAB Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) invites all UAB, SRI and Hudson Alpha faculty to apply to the CFAR Developmental Grant Program. The CFAR Developmental Grant Program's objective is to stimulate and nurture new and innovative HIV/AIDS related research programs. All applications to support new, currently unfunded research initiatives are welcome. Eligibility is open to all junior investigators and senior investigators that wish to apply their systems to the study of any/all areas of HIV/AIDS research.

The budgets available for these projects will be up to **\$40,000 each for one year only**.

#### **Two-Tier Application Process**

There will be a (1) Letter of Interest (LOI) phase from which proposals will be chosen for (2) submission of a full application. Projects chosen to go forward will have four weeks from the day of notification to submit an NIH/R21 style application with a 6 page research plan.

#### **Phase I: Letter Of Interest**

LOIs should be **2 pages maximum** containing the following components:

- Background
- Specific Aims
- Significance /Impact

#### **Phase II: Full Application**

The full application should conform to the **6-page R21/NIH style** with Aims, Background, Preliminary Data (if any) and a Research Plan. Please include a timeline for the 1-year study and a detailed budget with justification. Also include an NIH biosketch for the PI and Co-PIs. All applicants will receive written reviews and an overall score (NIH 1-10).

**Full applications will be reviewed according to the following criteria:**

- Significance (Will the studies be important for HIV/AIDS research and have impact?)
- Approach (Is the approach experimentally sound? Has the PI described controls, alternatives/pitfalls and provided a time line?)
- Innovation (Is there innovation in the grant with respect to methodology or new insights?)

#### **Appropriate Approvals for Research:**

All Developmental Award Applications are required to have appropriate approval from UAB Administration prior to submission to funding of awards. Approval is required in four instances.

**1) Human Subjects:** Any research that involves human subjects defined as whole persons, samples, tissues, or data on persons (e.g. X-rays of patients with pulmonary edema) requires Institutional Review Board (IRB) review. More information can be found at:

<http://main.uab.edu/show.asp?durki=30246>

**2) Animal Subjects:** Any research that involves animal subjects, defined as live animals, samples, or tissues from animals, requires approval from the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). **Investigators are encouraged to obtain IACUC approval early because there is normally a turnaround time of one month between submission and IACUC response.** This committee meets twice monthly, on the middle and last Wednesday of each month. If you have questions on animal subject research, see <http://main.uab.edu/internal/show.asp?durki=34597>.

**3) Hazardous Materials:** If your proposal involves the use of chemical, biological, radioactive, or other hazardous materials, then it should be reviewed by the offices of Occupational Health & Safety. As with the Animal Subject Review, turnaround times may take an extended period of time (2 months) so applicants are encouraged to obtain hazardous materials approval as early as possible. More information: <http://www.healthsafe.uab.edu>

**4) Conflict of Interest:** If your proposal suggests a relationship between your research and personal financial interests, then it should be reviewed by the Conflict of Interest Review Board (CIRB). More information: <http://main.uab.edu/show.asp?durki=30255>

**Southern Research Institute/Hudson Alpha Applicants:**

Applicants from other institutions must complete the equivalent review procedures before awards will be made by the CFAR.

**More Information:**

All questions should be directed to the CFAR Developmental Core director, Dr. Casey D. Morrow at 4-5705 or [caseym@uab.edu](mailto:caseym@uab.edu). The deadline for submissions is **July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010** at 5:00 PM by email (pdf to Dr. Morrow) or hard copy (802 Kaul). It is anticipated that 3-4 developmental grants will be funded by Sept 1st, 2010.