



# CALL FOR PROPOSALS: UCLA-CDU CFAR SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUPS

The UCLA-CDU Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) is now soliciting proposals for the establishment of new **Scientific Working Groups (SWGs)**. This initiative offers investigators the opportunity to receive **CFAR funding and institutional support** to drive forward innovative, interdisciplinary research that addresses key gaps in HIV/AIDS science.

## WHAT IS A SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP (SWG)?

A **Scientific Working Group** is a team of investigators—whether working within HIV/AIDS or from other fields—who share a common interest in a specific scientific focus that is **critical to addressing the HIV epidemic**, but currently **underdeveloped** at UCLA or CDU.

The goal of the SWG is to foster **multi-disciplinary collaborations** that lead to successful applications for new **HIV/AIDS research funding**, within the framework of **NIH HIV/AIDS priority areas**.

## INCENTIVES FOR SELECTED SWGS

- CFAR funding to support SWG activities and initiatives (costs for personnel, supplies, and core services).
- Access to institutional resources and collaborative opportunities with the UCLA-CDU research community.

## CRITERIA FOR SUBMISSION:

1. A one-page Letter of Intent (LOI) outlining the proposed SWG's focus, objectives, and potential impact on HIV/AIDS research.
  - Proposals should emphasize novel or collaborative approaches to underexplored areas of research, particularly where there are gaps in coordination or interdisciplinary efforts.
  - Applicants are encouraged to reach out to the UCLA-CDU CFAR to discuss their ideas and how they align with CFAR's priorities.
2. NIH-format biosketches for all key members of the SWG.

## ABOUT THE UCLA-CDU CFAR

The UCLA-CDU CFAR strengthens and amplifies the impact of ongoing research at both UCLA and Charles R. Drew University, as well as forming new partnerships with community groups across Los Angeles and in nations that are severely affected by HIV. Its aim is to prevent new HIV infections, reduce deaths among people who are living with HIV and develop strategies for eradicating HIV.

The UCLA-CDU CFAR supports investigators at UCLA's Westwood campus and affiliated sites including the Lundquist Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, as well as Drew CARES, the MLK Oasis Clinic and the PUSH Coalition, a group of organizations involved in HIV services that are located on or near the Charles R. Drew campus.

## SUBMIT LOI (INCLUDING BIOSKETCHES)

BY **DECEMBER 2, 2024** TO [UCLA-CDU.CFAR@MEDNET.UCLA.EDU](mailto:UCLA-CDU.CFAR@MEDNET.UCLA.EDU)