The University of Miami CFAR program would like to announce an NIH FY19 supplement opportunity. This year there are eight scientific areas of interest. Each CFAR can submit a maximum of four supplement applications for topics 1-5. CFARs can submit one application each to the equipment and TB topics. Each inter-CFAR group is permitted to submit one meeting application.

**Purpose and Scientific Areas of Interest**

The purpose of this administrative supplement opportunity is to support innovative research projects, inter-CFAR meetings, and shared instrumentation that address key gaps in HIV/AIDS and will advance the field. This opportunity should build research capacity and be consistent with the recent NIH HIV/AIDS research priorities (NOT-OD-15-137).

Topics 1 and 2 must be responsive to the overall Ending the HIV Epidemic (EtHE): A Plan for America initiative which is focused on four key pillars (Diagnose, Treat, Protect, and Respond). For additional information and background on the EtHE initiative, please refer to the special CFAR/ARC announcement (released on March 4, 2019).

Applications will undergo an internal review process and those applications which are chosen can then be submitted to the NIH (submission instructions to NIH can be found in the application announcement). Applications will be judged on feasibility and appropriateness of budget in addition to scientific merit as described in the announcement attached.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

- LOI (Mandatory) Submission deadline **April 23rd, 2019**
- CFAR Application Submission Deadline: **May 3rd, 2019**
- Announcement of selected projects: **May 14th, 2019**
- NIH Application Submission Deadline: **May 24th, 2019**

See NIH Application for complete application requirements

CFAR application requirements:

- LOI (2 and 4a of NIH application instructions)
- Research Project plan (4b of NIH application instructions)
- Budget (4c of NIH application instructions)

The NIH is interested in supplement applications from CFARs in the following scientific areas:

1. Promoting Viral Suppression in Health Disparity Populations Engaged in HIV Care in Rural Communities
2. HIV Healthcare Systems and Differentiated Care Approaches to Improve Viral Suppression
3. Elucidating Metabolic Consequences of PrEP and ART
4. Obesogenic Mechanisms During HIV Infection
5. Innovative Technologies for Basic Research on HIV and Comorbidities
6. Equipment for CFAR Core(s)

7. Inter-CFAR Meeting

8. Tuberculosis Research (supported by Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (DMID), NIAID –TB mono-infection studies allowed)

Please see CFAR supplement announcement for more details on the above scientific areas of interest and NIH scientific contacts.

Key aspects of this funding opportunity are:

- Applications may be submitted for up to one year with maximum funding per application of up to $150,000 Direct Costs
- Project directors must be early career investigators who have never received an R-series research grant in HIV/AIDS or established investigators in non-HIV fields
- The deadline for applications to be received at NIH is May 24th, 2019
- The earliest anticipated start date is 6/29/19 but may be delayed due to administrative issues

Please note that the number of applications that will be funded for this administrative supplement announcement will be based on funding availability, scientific merit, and program balance. Applications must align with the NIH HIV/AIDS research priorities (NOT-OD-15-137).

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